# 'Goldilocks Recovery': New Jobs, Stable Prices

# U.S. Data Raise Fears Inflation Will Come Back

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK — Strong job growth last month signaled a still robust American economy with few signs of inflation, the government reported Friday, but unem-ployment headed down toward the danger zone for wage pressures and another tight-ening by the Federal Reserve.

Washington and Wall Street alike read the addition of 350,000 jobs last month as good news instead of reason to worry about inflation. Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich called it a "Goldilocks recovery" that was neither cooling nor overheating the economy, and President Bill Clinton saw it as a sign of "strong success" of his

Allen Sinai of Lehman Brothers called the mixture of low inflation, rising employment and strong productivity growth "sen-

The bond market's bears went into hibernation in the belief that the Fed would stay on the case when it meets just before Christmas to consider raising short-term rates for the seventh time this year.

In the financial markets, short-term interest rates strengthened while long-term rates declined; the dollar pushed above 100 yen, and all this helped add 44 points to the Dow Jones industrial average, which

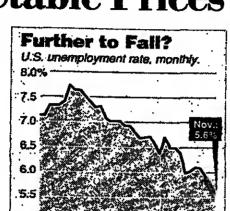
closed strongly, at 3745.62.

"The bond market," a Federal Reserve governor, Lawrence Lindsay, confidently told a television interviewer, "says we are on the right track."

Unemployment in November fell 0.2 percentage points, to 5.6 percent, the low-est level since August 1990 — and below the level at which some members of the Fed maintain that labor gets tight enough

But Friday's Labor Department report itself showed no signs of such a rise, and Wall Street took comfort from a 2-cent decline in average hourly earnings - just as markets went into a mild flap last month over an 8-cent rise officials had correctly

was a nuke. This moderation was reinforced by an October drop in orders for durable goods, the first in three months, especially in the booming automobile industry, and an 0.1 percent decline in October's index of lead-



ing indicators, the first decline there in 15

Job growth nevertheless spread across the economy in November. The construction industry added 71,000 jobs to make up for low hiring during a rainy October. This is not expected to last, but low growth of 25,000 in retail employment is expected to improve during the Christmas season.

Manufacturing employment rose 51,000. In the service sector, which added 147,000 jobs, two-thirds of the increase took place in the category of husiness services, in which companies supply temporary workers when factories are stretched.

Before the Fed both stunned and satisfied Wall Street last month with a threequarter point increase in the federal funds rate, such robust employment figures would probably have sent 30-year Treasury bond prices reeling and pushed up yields. Instead, yields declined from above percent Thursday to 7.91 percent Friday, a shade below where they were a week ago. Meanwhile, two-year notes tried to anticipate the Ped's Dec. 20 meeting, with yields up sharply, from 7.19 percent to 7.43 per-

"Why should the Fed squander this confidence?" said Mickey Levy, chief financial economist for NationsBank. "It doesn't pay to wait."

Mr. Sinai said the job figures showed strength in capital goods and exports, as well as in consumer goods. He said he expected consumer spending to slow after Christmas hut not to collapse because of buoyancy in employment, and therefore in

He also noted the first signs of increasing wages in a 3.3 percent growth of average hourly earnings over the last three months, a slight acceleration from the 2.6 percent over the last 12 months.



Survivors of Bhopal's gas leak listening wearily to speeches marking the 10th anniversary of the pesticide disaster.

# Bhopal 10 Years Later: Despair Lingers For Indian City Gassed in 1984, There Is Still No Resolution

By Sanjoy Hazarika New York Times Service

BHOPAL, India — Ten years after a blanket of lethal gas from a Union Carhide pesticide plant swamped this cen-tral Indian city, Ram Singh Thakur, a former drugstore clerk, lies on a mattress on the floor of his shack just outside the plant.
Until a few years ago, Mr. Thakur, 64,
was an outspoken community leader.
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Now, partly paralyzed after a stroke, he is unable to work or to walk. "Nothing seems to help," he said, his voice slurred.

Like most other victims of the Bhopal disaster, which began on Dec. 3. 1984. Mr. Thakur has not yet received compensation from Union Carbide because of legal wrangling, much of it over whether ailments like Mr. Thakur's

stroke were caused by the gas leak. Thousands of victims stand in long lines every day at government and private clinics, seeking tablets, injections and syrups that will ease ailments that range from psychiatrie problems to lung infections and eye problems.

And while the compensation fund set aside hy the company has crossed the half hillion dollar mark, only a tiny per-centage of the money has reached the

Even the cause of the gas leak remains a source of sharp disagreement. The In-dian government, nongovernmental groups and editors say that Union Carbide's negligence and poor management are to hlame. Union Carbide has long maintained that the disaster was caused by an act of sabctage by a disgruntled plant worker, whom it has never identi-

The resolution of the Bhopal disaster. the world's worst industrial catastrophe, has been slowed by confusion, allegations of corruption and legal challenges by individuals and groups dissatisfied with the sums paid out.

Despite the continuing problems, Bhopal throbs with life. In neighborhoods near the plant, residents have taken advantage of government grants and loans to replace wooden huts with hrick huildings and to buy television sets and motorcycles. Some survivors have moved to two-room apartments built by the government on the edge of the city.

Four hospitals have been built at a cost of more than \$10 million. When Union Carhide recently sold its 50.9 percent stake in its Indian subsidiary to the Magor industrial group in India, it set aside the equivalent of \$40 million for another hospital and for long-term medical research and treatment of the victims.

But no antidote has been found for exposure to the toxic methyl isocyanate See BHOPAL, Page 4

U.S. and Europe

Of 2 Minds on

Security Needs

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

problems within the Atlantic alliance over

Bosnia is a growing tendency among the

Europeans to take a different view of their

security needs than the United States does,

something that rarely happened during the

One thing allied foreign ministers all agreed on at NATO's fall meeting this

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week was that Bosnia had been a failure

But the Clinton administration still

views Bosnia as a problem for Europeans,

not for Americans. Europeans, for their

part, are still skeptical of the use of air

power to stop Serbian attacks, and the United States has apparently given up try-

Let's get it behind us, the allies seemed

to say on Thursday, though the differences

remain. The importance of the meeting is that "NATO is going to make itself relevant to the future," Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said.

Even on this fundamental level there

When the Clinton administration made

were important disagreements over how

fast the alliance should accept applications

clear last month that it was ready to move

ahead on new members, the allies warned

that going too fast could leave Russia feel-

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that must never be repeated.

ing to convince them.

from Eastern Europe.

BRUSSELS - At the root of many

# **UN Generals Block Strikes** On Serbian Missile Sites

French and British Try To End 'No-Fly' Rule; Butros Ghali Says 'No'

By John Pomfret

Washington Post Service
ZAGREB, Croatia — The United Nations' top military commanders in Bosnia have thwarted attempts by NATO warplanes to destroy Serbian anti-aircraft systems that if left intact could bring NATO operations over Bosnia to a standstill, Western military officials said Friday.

Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose of Britain, backed by his superior, General Bertrand de Lapresle of France, also tried to convince the UN secretary-general that the operation to enforce an internationally mandated "no-fly" zone over Bosnia, one of the pillars of NATO's involvement, should be suspended indefinitely, the offi-

The UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, denied the request, which was made while he was in Sarajevo on Wednes-

But the generals did persuade NATO to stop flying over Bosnia for at least six days of the last week, in what one Western military officer said was "a dangerous precedent and another victory for the Serbs."

The generals' attempt to stop NATO activity in the skies above Bosnia illustrates the fear that the senior British and French military officers in the former Yugoslavia have of the Serbs. It also reflects a deep erosion of the power of the United Nations that has occurred in the last 12 months that General Rose has led the mission in Bosnia, officials said.

They said General Rose and General de Lapresle argued with Mr. Butros Ghali that NATO flights were angering Bosnian Serhian forces, who now hold about 400 UN soldiers hostage, and thus were imperiling their troops.

The generals also told the secretarygeneral that the Serbs could be convinced in negotiations to remove the anti-aircraft missile sites, one of which has recently clusion zone in violation of a NATO ultimatum.

Western officials said they believed the generals were mistaken on both counts. While some said they sympathized with the generals' plight, one senior diplomat said he found their behavior "shocking."

[But there were also signs Friday that UN concessions might at least have had some beneficial effects. Reuters quoted the top UN official in the former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, as saying that leaders of the Bosnian Serbs had agreed to release hundreds of UN peacekeepers who had been detained after NATO air strikes two

["We have agreed an immediate release of missing Ukrainian soldiers, immediate movement of U.K. and Dutch convoys: normal activities will be restored for the 55 Canadians at Visoko and UN personnel at weapons collection sites," Mr. Akashi

Without NATO overflights, hundreds of UN soldiers manning isolated positions surrounded by Serbian forces in eastern Bosnia would be at least three hours' flight time away from any NATO help should Serbian or Muslim forces attack them.

More importantly, the presence of Serbian anti-aircraft missile sites throughout Bosnia rules out the recommencement of the U.S.-led air-drop operation, which officials believe is critical now that Bosnian Serbs are again blocking UN convoys from delivering aid by road, officials said.

The sole anti-aircraft missile site around Sarajevo is also playing a major role in the UN decision to suspend the Sarajevo airlift, which has kept more than 300,000 people alive for more than two years.

Large and lumbering, cargo planes are easy targets for Serbian SA-2, SA-3 and SA-6 missiles, a Western military official said, "And they don't have ejection seats,"

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees has requested air drops for the last six weeks to Bihac, a Muslim pocket of 189,000 people in northwestern Bosnia, that is suffering a withering attack by both Croatian and Bosnian Serbs. On Thursday, they added Srebrenica, home to 40,000 Muslims, to the list because a Serbi-

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#### Kiosk

#### U.S. Says PLO **Honors Pact**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department criticized Palestinian police Friday for an ineffective response to terrorism, but said the Palestine Liberation Organization "in its words and deeds" is living up to its commitment to Israel's right to exist.

The report to Congress also cited the PLO's failure to delete references to the destruction of Israel from its covenant and its reluctance to denounce the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

#### General News

Bill Clinton made a preemptive strike on military spending.

Book Review Crossword





PHILIPPINE SURVIVORS — A Filipino woman hugging a relative Friday after she and her two children, left, were rescued from a ferry that sank in Manila Bay after a collision. More than 140 people were feared drowned. Page 5.

# GATT's Director Hails 'a Victory for Common Sense'

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches GENEVA - The director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on Friday hailed the U.S. Senate approval of the new world trade treaty as

a victory for common sense. The director-general, Peter Sutherland, said the Senate vote, and a key vote in the Japanese Parliament, had removed the last. real barriers to the creation under the treaty of a new World Trade Organization on Jan. 1.

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"The U.S. vote was always of crucial importance because it could have detailed the whole process, derailed eight years of work and an achievement that will go down in history as a remarkable one," Mr. Sutherland said.

He also welcomed the approval of the treaty on Friday by the lower house of Parliament in Tokyo, which means Japan will shortly become the second of the four top trading powers to ratify the deal.

That vote, Mr. Sutherland said, also

demonstrated Japan's "commitment to the multilateral trading system" despite strong opposition from farmers and their backers, who opposed opening the country's rice market.

The Senate approval of the accord came late Thursday after a week of furious lob-bying by the White House. The final margin, 76 to 24, was greater than many observers had expected. The pact was approved by the House of Representatives

Moments before the final vote, the Sen-ate scaled a critical procedural hurdle in producing eight more than the required 60 votes to overcome objections that the agreement broke budget rules because revenue lost from tariff cuts was not fully offset by spending reductions. The vote on the budget waiver was 68 to 32.

The pact's approval gave a boost to See GATT, Page 4

# U.S. Stamp Depicting Atomic Bombings Sets Off Outcry in Japan

By Andrew Pollack New York Times Service

TOKYO - Japanese officials sharply criticized a plan by the U.S. Postal Service on Friday to issue a commemorative stamp depicting the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The stamp, which will be issued next year in connection with the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, shows a picture of a bomb's mushroom cloud and carries the caption "Atomic bombs hasten war's end, August 1945."

"As the only country to have suffered the atomic bombings, I don't think the Japanese will have positive feelings toward the design of the stamp at all," Yohei Kono, Japan's foreign minister, said Friday. He added, "I want to convey Japanese feelings to the U.S. side in some form."

Hitoshi Motoshima, the mayor of Nagasaki, called events of World War II that occurred in 1945. The the stamp's issuance "heartless."

He added: "Under the mushroom cloud, hundreds of thousands of nonmilitary people, including chil-dren and women, died or were hurt in just one mo-

The controversy is the latest one to indicate that commemorations next year of the war's end are as likely to revive old tensions as they are to lay them to

The stamp controversy is in some ways similar to the one that erupted over plans by the Smithsonian Institution to display the Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima. A major question in that controversy is whether the bombing was justified and necessary to end the war.

The stamp, which is scheduled to be issued next September, is one of 10 designed to portray the main

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Postal Service has already issued 10 stamps each year for the last four years dealing with the events of 1941 through 1944.

"Our purpose is to provide a comprehensive history of the events of World War II, and we are not making a value judgment on any of those events," the Postal Service said in a statement on Thursday. "With regard to the specific stamp in question, we would be remiss in omitting such a watershed and historically critical event as the use of the atomic bomb."

The Postal Service said the images and the events for the stamps, which will be for first class mail, were chosen by a citizens' advisory committee with input from historians from the State Department and the Defense Department, the Postal Service said.

But if the State Department was involved, it did not seem to have informed the U.S. Embassy in Japan,

which appeared to have been caught by surprise by the

stamp and has not yet issued a statement. There is objection here to any use of the mushroom cloud image, which still evokes emotional memories But there is also more specific criticism that the stamp's caption about hastening the war's end seems to justify the bombing, which many people here regard as a moral crime.

"The stamp's issuance would lead toward sentiment opposite from the way we had been hoping to go, which is to abolish the atomic bomb," said Abihiro Takahashi, who as a 14-year-old was badly burned by the Hiroshima bomb and is now an official of the Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, which tries to educate young people about the bombing.

The bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, and on Nagasaki on Aug. 9. Six days later, Japan

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BRUSSELS - NATO foreign ministers tried Friday without success to reassure Russia that the alliance's plans to admit former Warsaw Pact countries would not create a new division in

The Russian foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, surprised the ministers Thursday by criticizing the plans and announcing Russia's withdrawal from a program to improve military and political cooperation between Moscow and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

On Friday, Mr. Kozyrev told the NATO and East European foreign ministers that Moscow could not develop close ties with the alliance until it spelled out its expansion plans, sources

Mr. Kozyrev, they said, questioned whether the Western military alliance had changed from its Cold War days.

The NATO secretary-general, Willy Claes, said Friday the alliance would not change its

plans to prepare an eastward expansion of the alliance in the light of Russian objections.

"We are not ready to change one single word or NATO's decision," Mr. Claes said at a news' conference, referring to the alliance announcement Thursday that it would make a one-year internal study of the mechanics of enlarging NATO to East European countries.

Mr. Claes said he was confident that Russia would reach an agreement with the alliance to go ahead with these plans.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher met separately with Mr. Kozyrev for more than an hour Friday to discuss the dispute and the situation in Bosnia.

"We shouldn't make too much of yesterday's events," Mr. Christopher said in a television interview. He said the Russians "will have a chance to analyze what we did." He added, "I think they'll find it to be responsible and deliberate.

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany said he regretted the incident with Mr. Kozyrev,

which he said had to be viewed in the context of would "explain everything to the Russians," that Russia's domestic political situation.

The British foreign secretary, Douglas Hurd, also played down the dispute, saying: "I think others have repeatedly requested NATO membership between Russia and NATO is bership and the security guarantees that go with too important for Russia and too important for it NATO to get lost."

Poland's foreign minister, Andrzej Olechowski, said he saw no reason for involving Russia in his country's application to join

"We don't think it would be sensible or fruitful to negotiate with Russia about NATO," he said. Russia is not a member of NATO.

Mr. Kozyrev's comments cast a pall over the meeting Thursday and over NATO's attempt to draw its former Warsaw Pact enemies into the alliance. Some diplomats suggested he was playing to an audience in Russia, where the government is contending with a strong nationalist

Mr. Olechowski said the foreign ministers

membership plans "aren't against them."
Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and others have repeatedly requested NATO mem-

The NATO allies, in trying to meet East Europeans' demands for membership without upsetting Russia, thought they had found a good formula.

At a summit meeting in January, President Bill Clinton and other allied leaders approved a U.S. imitiative. Partnership for Peace, to bring former foes closer, but without membership.

A total of 23 nations have enrolled in the project, which allows them to take part in mili-

tary exercises and other alliance activities. In an effort to ease Russian fears about its eastward expansion, the NATO allies had agreed to a special relationship with Moscow and insisted they had no intention of forming a hostile hioc. But Mr. Kozyrev was not impressed.
(AP, Reuters)

# WORLD BRIEFS

#### IRA Ready to Talk on Weaponry

LONDON (AP) — The IRA expects negotiations about weapons with the British to include security force arms as well as it own hidden arsenals, the movement's political allies signaled Friday.

"We're prepared, perfectly prepared, to discuss the issue of the amount of weapons that are in circulation in Ireland, both legal and illegal," Mitchel McLoughlin, a spokesman for Sinn Fein, said on BBC radio.

Britain and Sinn Fein are to start talks in Belfast on Wednesday, the next big step in the search for a political settlement in Northern Ireland following the 3-month-old cease-fire by the Irish Republican Army in its battle to end British rule.

#### Ariane Carrying U.S. Satellite Fails

KOUROU, French Guiana (Reuters) - Western Europe's 70th Ariane rocket sent a U.S. communications satellite worth more than \$150 million plunging into the Atlantic Ocean after its third stage malfunctioned.

It was the second Ariane rocket failure this year and the seventh since Western Europe began launching the Ariane series in 1979. The Arianespace president, Charles Bigot, said, The third stage of flight 70 did not function correctly, the motor ignited but after ignition the motor only partially functioned." The failure sent the PanAmsat-3 (PAS-3) plunging into the Atlantic Ocean

#### **Dutch Act to Stem Influx of Refugees**

THE HAGUE (AP) - In the harshest move yet by the Netherlands to repulse refugees, the lower house of Parliament' voted Friday to authorize the government to automatically bar all. asylum-seekers who arrive by land.

The measure, which is virtually certain to become law, would. bar any refugees who had traveled through so-called "safe third, countries." It is estimated that a total 55,000 refugees will seef... sylum in the Netherlands in 1994.

The flood has severely strained government resources in this country of 15 million people, contributing to a rightist resurgence in national elections in May.

#### Austrians Find Tank and Arms Cache.

VIENNA (Renters) - Austrian anti-terrorist police seized a tank and an armored personnel carrier in a major arms find in raids on homes of suspected neo-Nazis, Austrian radio reported on Friday. The discovery was made a year after rightist extremists: launched a series of letter bombs against public figures.

A police team uncovered a World War II era T-34 tank and a

modern personnel carrier in a search of a farm in the village of Göpfritz an der Wild, northwest of Vienna. The village lies on the edge of a big military training area, near the Czech border. Austrian radio said both vehicles were reported to be in good

working order. The police also seized a huge cache of military, explosives and automatic rifles. The radio said two men, including the owner of the farm, had been arrested.

#### 3 Slain at Home of Pakistan Minister

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Unidentified gunmen opened fire Friday night outside the house of the minister of industries and labor, killing three people, the police said. The minister, Ghulam Akbar Lasi, was not at home at the time of the attack. Mr. Lasi's bodyguard, his driver and another man believed to be working for the minister were killed when the gummen drove up in a car and fired automatic weapons. The police said they did not know the motive for the attack or who was responsible.

On Tuesday, gummen entered an office of the governing Paki-stan People's Party in Karachi and killed four people. The police. have blamed many of the politically motivated attacks on the Muhajir National Movement, an opposition group.

#### For the Record

A former SS concentration camp commander, Josef Schwammberger, 82, who is serving a life term for killing 650 Jewish slave laborers, was indicted Friday on 144 new charges of murder and abetting murder in Stuttgart. The new indictment stemmed from evidence that surfaced during his earlier trial but could not be introduced because it was not included in the request for his 1990. extradition from Argentina, where he fled in 1948.

Fifty-two Kurdish rebels were killed as the Turkish Army pressed its crackdown on rebel bases in the mountains of the southeast, it was reported in Diyarbakir on Friday.

Roman Catholic authorities have reached an out of court settlement in Dublin with a man who was sexually molested by a priest when he was an altar boy, news reports said Friday. The Connacht Tribune, published in Galway, Ireland, said the settlement was more than 75,000 Irish pounds (\$107,250).

#### Correction

Because of an editing error, an article on the Taiwan elections in Friday's editions incorrectly identified Taiwan's main opposition: party. It is the Democratic Progressive Party.

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#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### **Volume Declines on Baltic Ferries**

HELSINKI (Reuters) - Shipping lines running the huge car ferries in the Baltic reported a huge decline in the number of passengers since the ferry Estonia went down with the loss of 900 lives in September, a survey in the daily Helsingin Sanomat showed Friday.

Boris Ekman, managing director of Viking Line, which runs six passenger ferries in the Baltic, said the disaster would affect passenger rearies in the bands, send the thousand mainly Finnish-passenger volumes into next year. Shipping lines, mainly Finnish-based, estimated an aggregate shortfall of 150,000 to 160,000 in the number of passengers during November.

Spanish engineers striking for higher pay forced the state-run railroad to cancel at least half the trains on most routes Friday in the first of several walkouts planned for December.

Angola's TAAG sirlines will resume commercial flights on Tuesday to Huambo, the country's second city and former UN-ITA rebel stronghold retaken by government forces last month, the company said.

Philippine Airlines unions have threatened to go on strike if the carrier and its partner, the government, failed to address grievances. The pilots' union said the management had imposed "harsh working conditions," including longer flight times. A 30-story extension to Hong Kong's Peninsula Hotel was officially opened by the Duke and Duchess of Kent. (AFP)

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# Russia Is Accused by Its Own

# Mediators See Moscow's Hand in Chechen Raids

The Associated Press GROZNY, Chechnya — Russian legislators trying to end a standoff in Chechnya accused their government on Friday of sending warplanes to attack the secessionist republic.

President Boris N. Yeltsin's government has denied providing military support to rebels try-ing to remove President Dzhokhar Dudayev of Chechnya, even as the rebel offensive has escalated from small-arms fire to air attacks.

The Russian defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, says Russian mercenaries are fighting on both sides in Chechnya.

But Mr. Dudayev, who declared independence for his tiny republic in 1991, accuses Moscow of leading and arming the rebels. Air raids on the ontskirts of Grozny, the Che-

chen capital, continued for a fourth day Friday. "It is clear that these planes are not English or French but Russian," said Ella Pamfilova, Mr. Yeltsin's former social welfare minister and one of four members of a parliamentary delegation to Chechnya. "This is against the law."

Other members of the delegation, which met briefly with Mr. Dudayev, demanded an end to the air strikes, warning that the conflict could spiral out of control.

The lawmakers were trying to negotiate the endangering the lives of as release of about 70 Russians, said to include ethnic Russians in Chechnya.

soldiers and officers, captured in the fighting in

Chechnya. Since the rebels' air offensive began last week, thousands of people have fled Grozny, a city of

Chechen officials said there were new air raids early Friday east of Grozny. Mr. Dudayev said his home was bombed Thursday, but that claim

could not be verified. Moscow does not recognize the independence of Chechnya, which became part of the Russian empire in the 19th century after a series of wars.

Mr. Yeltsin threatened Tuesday to send in troops unless the fighting had stopped by Thursday, but when the deadline expired he said that Chechen fighters would be given amnesty if they

put down their weapons by Dec. 15. There were reports, however, of Russian troop

buildups near the border. Although Russian ultranationalists lament the loss of Moscow's empire, a recent opinion poll showed that most Russians are ready to let the Chechens go their own way.

Chauvinist forces in Russian are pushing President Yeltsin to act, saying he cannot control little Chechnya," said Vladimir Lysenko, a member of the parliamentary delegation.

Mr. Lysenko warned that the conflict was endangering the lives of as many as 150,000

# Swiss Ballot: Jail Unwanted Aliens?

GENEVA -- An immigration measure that would empower Swiss authorities to imprison unwanted migrants for up to a year is very likely to win approval in a nationwide referendum this weekend, opinion polls indicate.

The legislation ostensibly aims at curbing

so-called drug tourism, which has turned traditional bastions of rectitude like Zurich into a mecca for narcotics dealers and addicts who come from all over Europe.

But church groups, human-rights groups and politicians on the left say that the drug people who have voted in the past against Switzerland's association with Europe or the creation of a Swiss contingent for UN peacekeeping operations.

Opponents of the measure predict it will be approved by a 6 to 4 ratio, with the Swiss German majority again outvoting the moreliberal French speakers.

The bill, proposed by the federal minister of justice and police, Arnold Koller, would allow the detention of migrants or asylumseekers who do not have adequate identity problem is being used as a pretext to keep out documents. They could be held for a period of immigrants in general. They accuse the gov-three months, extendable to one year if it erroment of playing to the xenophobia of takes that long to carry out their repatriation.



A Chechen woman, holding an automatic rifle, joined protesters on Friday in Grozny's central square. The placard reads, "Chechen mothers demand an end to the bloodshed."

Spy's Goods Going, Gone

(Including Russian Bear)

MARIETTA, Georgia — The ill-gotten goods of Aldrich Hazen Ames, Moscow's man inside the CIA, have been

auctioned off in a suburban shopping mall, an incongruous

end to the tale of greed that was possibly the last great spy story of the Cold War.

The curious and the covetous bid on jewels, gems and geegaws, once stashed amid purloined papers and classified computer files, seized by the FBI after Mr. Ames and his wife.

Rosario, were arrested nine months ago in their well-appoint-

ed home outside Washington.

The fruits of Mr. Ames's espionage were on display Thurs-

day before the auction, held to benefit the U.S. government.

taken, and then repeiled, by a gold, diamond and costume pearl chain with a pendant of a golden red-eyed animal.

Many stopped to examine them. Hazel Austin was at first

"Is that a Russian bear?" she asked, wrinkling her nose. It

"To think that people died for this stuff," she said, referring

to 10 CIA agents who were killed after Mr. Ames's betrayals.

# Quebec Separatist Loses Leg to Bacteria

By Charles Trueheart

OTTAWA - Quebec and much of the rest of Canada collectively breathed a sigh of relief on Friday after a tense night during which the opposition leader Lucien Bouchard, stricken with a flesh-cating disease, apparently had a brush with

His doctors said at a news conference that Mr. Bouchard. the founder and leader of the separatist Bloc Québécois, had narrowly survived a sudden attack of necrotizing fasciitis, an aggressive disease that quickly spreads to deaden the skin and, m four out of five cases, kill its

Patrick D'Amico, Mr. Bou-

chard's physician, said he was hale and dancing at a party confident the infection had function Saturday night, was in been arrested in a series of operations at St. Luke's Hospital in leg was amputated Thursday at mid-thigh, and a subsequent procedure opened up his abdominal cavity to remove remaining known pockets of in-

The doctors said that barring unforeseen problems, Mr. Bou-chard would be walking again

with a prosthetic leg in three to

lowed a long night of rumor and grief as stunned Quebeckers contemplated the news that their most popular and charismatic politician, who was seen

four months. The positive prognosis fol-

mortal danger. With a referendum on sover-

Montreal Mr. Bouchard's left eignty expected sometime next year, Mr. Bouchard and his Bloc Ouébécois were expected to play a major role in organizing and stumping for the proseparation side.

It was unclear whether his convalescence might delay the date of the referendum.

A Common Bacteria The virulent disease that

struck Mr. Bouchard comes from a common bacteria better known for giving children sore throats, Renters reported from Montreal.

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#### for which he was paid more than \$2 million by the Soviet and Russian intelligence services.

BUDAPEST — At least 21 people were killed and 60 were injured when an express pasnger train was derailed Friday while passing through a provincial train station in central Hungary, the police and rail officials said.

One carriage smashed pital. through the ground floor walls

of a hostel for railroad workers next to the track and brought down on top of it. Two carriages sliced into the

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#### Clinton Confidant Is Said to Admit Guilt

WASHINGTON — A former senior Justice Department official, Webster L. Hubbell, a close friend of Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton, has agreed to plead guilty to two felony counts and to cooperate with Whitewater prosecutors, according to people involved in the investigation.

The development, analysts said, is a significant blow to the

White House, Mr. Hubbell, who resigned in March as associate attorney general, was once among the inner circle from

Little Rock, Arkansas, and a Clinton confidant.

He has agreed to plead guilty to mail fraud and tax evasion, in connection with false billings he submitted to the government while in private practice with the Rose Law Firm, in Little Rock, before he came to Washington, people familiar with the inquiry said.

Aides to Mr. Clinton have watched the Hubbell case

closely and with considerable concern for what criminal charges against a close associate might mean for the White House, not only legalty but also politically.

#### Ferment Rises for Senate Republicans

WASHINGTON - fn a sign of the turmoil within the Republican Senate caucus, Senator Trent Loti of Mississippi unseated the more moderate veteran whip. Senator Alan Simpson of Wyoming, for the No. 2 Icadership job Friday.

The incoming Republican majority had unanimously chosen Senator Bob Dole of Kansas to be majority leader, for the second time in his career. But then, by a 27-to-26 vote, they approved Mr. Lott, an ally of Senator Phil Gramm of Texas who is a possible Dole presidential rival, for the backup post, dumping Mr. Dole's veteran lieutenant. Mr. Lott, a conservative, is close to the presumptive speaker of the House. Representative Newt Gingrich.

On the Democratic side, Senator Tom Daschle of South Dakota capped a rapid rise to power by winning election as minority leader. Mr. Daschle, 46 and in the Senate only eight years, defeated Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, on a 24-23 secret ballot, on the strength of overwhelming support from younger, more junior Democrats.

#### The Gergen Controversy Boils On and On

WASHINGTON - There was little love lost between David R. Gergen and Clinton White House staff members from the day he walked in the door as the Republican who

was going to belp save the Democratic president. Now that be's on the verge of walking out, his loyalty to Mr. Clinton is still suspect — as evidenced by angry White House gossip this week over Mr. Gergen's comments at a

dinner of former presidential speechwriters.

A Reuters dispatch quoted Mr. Gergen as saying Mr. Clinton's problem bas been a failure to communicate his real principles to the American people and that "nobody knows what he stands for." This was quickly interpreted inside the White House as criticism of the president Mr. Gergen serves.

Mr. Gergen was so upset he arranged a guest appearance Wednesday on the "Larry King Live" interview program to combat suggestions he was criticizing Mr. Clinton and to reassert that if Americans knew that Mr. Clinton was a centrist and what he stood for, he would be doing better and get re-elected. He also enlisted the dinner host, the columnist William Safire, who has backed Mr. Gergen's version.

Asked Thursday about Mr. Gergen's comments, Mr. Clinton's press secretary, Dee Dee Myers said, with as innocent a look as she could muster: "Remind me again what David was shired to do here? Wasn't it (pause) presidential communications?"

#### Quote/Unquote

President Clinton, speaking Friday on tax-cutting propos-als: "While I favor a middle-class tax cut and I don't rule out working with the Republican Congress on some of their ideas, my standard will be, Will it help increase incomes for the middle class, will it promote jobs and growth, and can we

#### **Away From Politics**

• Rashid Baz, 28, a Lebanese immigrant who said he was transmatized by his war-torn childhood, has been convicted of murder and attempted murder for shooting at a van carrying Jewish Hasidic students last March in New York.

• A woman who was scalded by hot coffee from a McDonald's restaurant in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has reached a new settlement with the chain. Stella Liebeck, 81, had been awarded \$2.7 million in damages, but a judge later slashed this to \$480,000. Terms of the new settlement were not released.

The rap star Tupac Shakur and his road manager, Charles Fuller, were found guilty of sexually abusing a woman last year, but acquitted on more serious charges of sodomy and

criminal weapons possession. At least seven students at a Huntington Beach, California, high school were recovering after they unknowingly chewed LSD-laced bubble gum that had been given to them by other students, parents and authorities said.

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# Clinton Makes Preemptive Strike on Military Spending

New York Times Service

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WASHINGTON - Administration officials have acknowledged that the timing and staging of an initiative to seek a \$25 billion increase in military spending reflected a view that President Bill Clinton must do more to bead off what bas been a strong line of Republican attack: that cuts since he took office have left U.S. forces incapable of carrying out their declared mission of fighting two major conflicts at once.

The officials said that Mr. Clinton's plan was recognition of a need to improve the readiness and the quality of life of military forces, which have been stretched so thin that the Pentagon conceded last month that 3 of 12 Army divisions were not at peak readiness levels.

"We ask much of our military and we owe much to them," Mr. Clinton declared as be presenting his initiative Thursday at a ceremony with Defense Secretary William J. Perry and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The \$25 billion increase would be spread over six years. Among the purposes of the new money, Mr. Clinton said, will be the troops' annual cost-of-living pay increases that Congress has already authorized into the next century.

Mr. Clinton said be also would ask Congress

for an emergency increase in this fiscal year's Pentagon budget to help cover the costs of operations in Hairi, Kuwait, Bosnia and off the Cuban coast. Administration officials said later that this emergency request would total about \$2 billion. Republican congressional leaders described

the plan to increase spending as a welcome and important first step.

Senator John S. McCain Jr., Republican of Arizona, who is among his party's most influential figures in military matters, called it "the first sign of recognition on the part of this administration that this nation's military readiness and ability to defend its vital national interests in the world is in question."

But Mr. McCain and his fellow Republicans said the initiative remained inadequate to heal deep wounds in U.S. military might. They said they would fight to halt the decline in the Pentagon budget, which has dropped to \$252 billion a year from \$281 billion since Mr. Clinton took office Military spending would decline further office. Military spending would decline further, even under the president's new plan, before rising again later in the decade.

"This is a hemorrhage that needs a tourni-quet," said Senator Robert C. Smith, Republican of New Hampshire, who is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, "and the president is offering a Band-Aid."

At a White House briefing after the announcement, Deputy Defense Secretary John M. Deutch pronounced the plan sufficient to allow the Pentagon to close a budget shortfall that had threatened to force deep cuts in weapons

But Republicans immediately questioned Mr. Deutch's arithmetic. They said that it would be impossible to make up a budget gap that the administration estimates will total \$48 billion over the next six years.

"We have a readiness problem now, and we will have a readiness problem after the presi-dent's initiative is implemented," said Representative Floyd D. Spence, Republican of South Carolina, who is preparing to become chairman of the House Armed Services Committee in the new Congress.

A promise to restore military spending is a central feature of House Republicans' "Contract With America," which they have pledged to carry out once they take control next month.

But Mr. Clinton said Thursday that it was "not right" to see his request for an increase in military spending as an acknowledgment that his critics were correct.

#### FBI Advises Tight Rein On Aliens

Las Angeles Times Service
WASHINGTON — The director of the FBI, Louis J. Freeh, is calling for tighter controls on student visas and alien marriages as part of an intensi-fied effort to curb terrorism in

the United States. Mr. Freeh made the recommendations to Deputy Attor-ncy General Jamie S. Gorelick, who asked him to review policies and practices on immigrants entering and leaving the United States in response to the World Trade Center bombing and to killings outside CIA headquarters - both linked to

The recommendations, now under review by the Justice Department, also proposed strengthening investigative powers against suspected "un-desirable aliens," accelerating deportation appeal proceedings and limiting U.S. participation in a visa waiver pilot program. Under the program, 9½ million foreigners entered the country in fiscal 1994.

"Aliens coming to the United States to engage in illegal conduct know that one of the easiest ways to enter and remain in the country is by requesting asylum," Mr. Freeh told Mr.

Under: current procedures, they are asked either to post a appearance at a future hearing or are released on their own recognizance.

"Any legal procedures de-vised to address such aliens will fail unless they include provisions for the detention and removal of the alien," Mr. Frech said. "At present, too many of these aliens simply blend into American society and never return for their immigration hear-

A Justice Department offi-cial said Mr. Frech's proposals are part of a larger review of steps to prevent terrorism in the United States. Mr. Freeh said that two cate-

gories of foreigners requiring additional scrutiny" are those who enter the country on student visas but do not abide by the terms of the visa and those who "engage in 'sham mar-riages' with American citizens or permanent resident aliens" solely to become legal residents.



TRADING SMILES — President Bill Clinton being handed the tally sheet by the Senate Republican leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, from the Senate vote that passed the GATT world trade accord. The agreement was approved by 76 to 24.

#### **AMERICAN**

# TOPICS

Los Angeles Court Convicts Fleiss Of Running a Prostitution Ring

A jury in Los Angeles convicted Heidi Fleiss on Friday of running a high-priced prostitution ring. Miss Fleiss, 28, the so-called Hollywood Madam, was found gullty on three of five pandering charges. The jury was deadlocked on the two other counts and acquitted ber of supplying cocaine to an undercover police officer.

She was arrested last year after providing \$1,500-a-night prostitutes to undercover police officers posing as businessmen. The defense had claimed entrapment. After her arrest, there was speculation about her clientele. But the judge ruled that the names of her customers were irrelevant to the case.

#### Short Takes

A lawyer is suing a restaurant that be claims served him a double espresso instead of decaffeinated coffee. Donald Horowitz of Newark, New Jersey, says the mix-up at last December at the Teggiano Restaurant put him in the hospital with a rapid beartbeat. After a

few sips, "I developed chest pains and my beart started racing," he said. Mr. Horowitz, 58, who had a heart attack in 1991, claims he still has heart trouble because of the espresso. He did not specify the amount of damages he seeks. The restaurant denies the claim.

Wine aging is vastly overrated, writes Frank J. Prial, wine critic of The New York Times. "Upwards of 90 percent of all the world's wine is meant to be consumed a year or two after it is made," Mr. Prial says. "Beyond that point, it begins to deteriorate, it becomes flat and dull and loses both its color and bonquet." High-quality wines can age five to 10 years and a few exceptional wines even long-

er. "Occasionally, a truly fine old bottle of wine comes along," Mr. Prial adds, "a bottle whose contents display subtletics of flavor and bouquet rarely encountered in young wine. But these bottles are truly rare. Most old wines taste, well, old."

The country's most common name for dogs is Max, says a survey of 30,000 orders to Tags & Etc. Pet Products, and the most common name for cats is Kitty. The carrine runners-up, in descending order: Lady, Jake, Molly and Sam (tied), Shadow, Buddy and Ginger (tied), Casey, Sadie, Maggie and Buster. The feline runners-up: Smokey, Tigger, Tiger, Patches, Missy, Shadow, Samantha, Baby, Callie and Midnight (tied).

ty," a nonfiction book that con-tained his views on the world,

through Baen Enterprises, Both

efforts were partly financed by

International Herald Tribune.

### **Faster Line** At Moscow **Embassy**

MOSCOW - The United States ambassador, Thomas R. Pickering, has defended his embassy against Russian accusa-tions of rudeness and Sovietstyle insensitivity by consular officials in visa-issuing operarions and said that the embassy was moving to simplify the procedures in response to complaints.

"I am not interested in baving the United States portrayed as an ugly Soviet-style bureau-cracy," he said at a news conference. "And we will do all we can to try to deal with it."

He said the embassy would set up an express line for Russian tourists and business travelers who have visited to the United States repeatedly and had therefore already gone through the detailed embassy check.

He also said the embassy would increase personnel and space to speed up the visa-issuing process.

The issue is primarily a ques-tion of who gets much soughtafter visas to travel to the United States and about Russian complaints that the process is onerous and also often bumili-

But an underlying theme is the growing friction in relations between Russia and the United States, with the U.S. Embassy a local target of criticism.

In the past three years, the United States bas gone, in the eyes of many Russians, from a symbol of democracy and protector of dissidents to a country that has its own interests, not all of them identical with those of

Nonetheless, more Russians want to travel to the United States than probably any other country, and this is the cause of the current disagreement.

In the Soviet era, the U.S. Embassy dealt with 3,000 to 4,000 visa applications a year; now more than 130,000 applications are filed annually.

# Gingrich the Novelist Edits Out a 'Goofy' Reference to Bush

By Serge F. Kovaleski

WASHINGTON - Newt Gingrich, the House speaker-to-be who is co-writing a World War II novel, says that he told his publisher to drop a draft chapter that refers to a Lieutenant George Bush as "goofy."

Mr. Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, said that he "neither wrote, saw nor approved" the reference to the former presitient, who served as a U.S. Navy lieutenant during World War II. The book's publisher, James Baen, said Thursday that the section mentioning Mr. Bush was a suggested insertion that he had added to the novel but that Mr. Gingrich had not had a chance to review. The book is due out next August.

The book, tentatively titled "1945," is one of two novels now occupying Mr. Gingrich. It is the latest in a series of enterprises, including a weekly television program on a conservative network, intended to build a national reputation and promote his ideas.

His publisher, who is paying him a \$15,000 advance, took the blame for the unflattering Bush reference. "The fault lies entirely with me, and I deeply regret both the obvious furor as well

as any distress it has caused," said Mr. Baen, who heads Baen Publishing Enterprises in New York. "In this regard, I offer my special apologies to George Bush, a man I personally ad-

The book, which is expected to run about 400 pages, is being written with William R. Forstchen, a historian and science fiction writer who has published about a dozen novels Mr. Baen said. He said that the book contract was signed about a year ago and that the co-authors would split the royalties.

Spiced with an explicit extramarital love scene and talk of divorce, the book seems an odd departure for Mr. Gingrich, a conservative who has crusaded for family values and school

Mr. Baen describes the novel as an "alternate-history technothriller." It looks at what would have happened if Hitler had not declared war on the United States. In the draft version, Hitler's plane crashes on Dec. 6. 1941, and he becomes comatose at a time when he would have declared war after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

In the book's first chapter, the main ebaracter, James Mannheim Martel, a naval intelligence officer, says he still

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keeps a picture of a young American pilot standing on the wing of his bomber, which had crashed in the water. Mr. Martel had flown cover for the pilot while he waited to be rescued.

Martel smiled as be thought about him," the draft said. "He hadn't been the cleverest flight leader in the fleet but by God he knew how to lead a group rich said he was working on a In 1984, Mr. Gingrich pubstraight into enemy flak like second novel with the science lished "Window of Opportuni-

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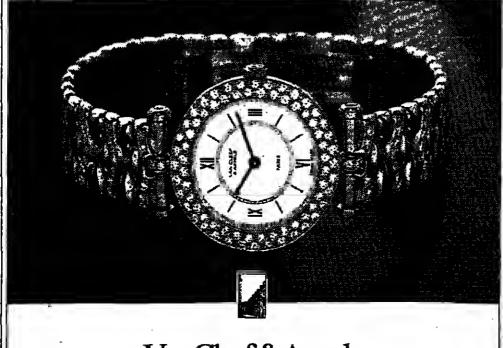
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#### Life Terms Given To Killer of 2 at Abortion Clinic The Associated Press

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Mr. Hill, 40, showed no emo-tion as U.S. District Judge Rog-er Vinson handed down the life sentences and a 10-year sentence for wounding a third per-Dr. John Bayard Britton, 69,

and James Barrett, 74, a retired air force officer, died in the shotgun attack July 29. Dr. Britton's wife, June, 69, was Mr. Hill, a former minister

was the first person convicted of violating the federal abortion clinic protection law, passed earlier this year. He was also convicted of state murder

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By John Pomfret

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - One month ago, the Bosnian Serbs were on the ropes.
The forces of the Muslim-led Bosnian government had just punched out of the northwestern Bihac pocket. A combined Croatian-Muslim assault had captured a Serb-held town for the first time in the war. NATO and the United Nations had agreed on a more robust use of air strikes to punish the Serbs. A crippling embargo imposed by their erstwhile ally, President Slobodan Milosevie of Serbia, had prompted talk of impending

Now, however, the Serbs seem in a stronger position than ever. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United Nations have backed off their threats, and Serbian troops, with abundant fuel and new missile batteries. are poised to slice the Bihac pocket in half. The major powers have hinted they will accept modifications to a UN-sponsored peace plan, to the Serbs' benefit — if only the Serbs will sign.

The Serbs' return to the offense on the battlefield after a break of six months bas been accompanied by an important political shift and a hardening of their position.

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cations.

"If the international community gets tough with us, we will get tough with them," said Jovan Zametica, an adviser to Radovan Karadzic. leader of the Bosnian Serbs. "We know bow to

The more aggressive posture was evident when Mr. Karadzic, the psychiatrist turned nationalist leader, refused to meet the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali. Serbian forces are also holding more than 450 UN

UN officials say the Serbs, who occupy 70 percent of Bosnia, appear to be interested in the notion of an alliance with the Croatian Serbs, who hold 27 percent of Croatia. Those who favor this would like the resulting confederation recognized as an independent state, UN officials

And for the first time, according to these officials, the Bosnian Serbs seem willing to see the UN peacekeeping mission pack its bags and

vic, a Shakespeare scholar who serves as vice president of the self-styled Bosnian Serbian

earlier, but the international community missed

Serbian officials have often said they feared a UN pullout because it could free NATO to hit hard at Serbian targets, following through on its threat to use air strikes to protect Muslim-held "safe areas" such as Sarajevo and Bihac. When the Serbs attacked Bibac nearly two weeks ago,

"Don't mess about. If you hit us again, it means all-out war," Mr. Zametica warned UN peacekeepers after the last of two air strikes. This has come from the head of state. President Karadzic. He is in a furious mood."

The battle for Bihac demonstrated that the Serbs could attack a safe area without unacceptable consequences. On Nov. 26, General Manoljo Milovanovic, the Bosnian Serbian commander of the operation, openly demanded that the Muslims surrender.

UN officials say the rebuff of Mr. Butros Ghali was a strong indication that the Bosnia Serbs may be seeking some measure of recognition as an independent state. These officials say Mr. Karadzic and his faction might no longer be satisfied with modifications of the international peace plan allowing his chunk of Bosnia to form a confederation with Serbia.

Under the plan, brokered by the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Russia, the Serbs would be forced to surrender about one-third of the territory they hold to a Muslim-Croat federation. While the Muslim-Croat federation would be allowed to form a confederation with Croatia, the Serbs would not be permitted to confederate with Serbia.

In August, the Serbs rejected the peace plan; the Muslim and Croat factions have accepted it. Over the last few months, Britain and France have lobbied for the Serbs to be allowed "constitutional equality," the right to confederate with Serbia. Last week, U.S. officials, including Defense Secretary William J. Perry, signaled that the United States was willing to consider this

But do the Serbs still want it? "Confederation is no longer our demand," said Mr. Koljevic, the vice president. "We want complete independence and UN recognition."

We're offering them yesterday's deal," a UN official said. "We're not very good at listening to

### **Serbs to Get** A Proposal For Linkup

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS - The United States, France, Britain, Germany and Russia sought to revive the peace initiative for Bosnia on Friday by unveiling new proposals, including the suggestion of a confederation between

The foreign ministers of the Bosnia "contact group" nations launched a new drive to end the fighting after Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher endorsed the European view that diplomacy was the best way to

After the meeting, the French foreign minister, Alain Juppé, said it was agreed "to devise a constitutional arrangement" enabling Bosnian Serbs to link up politically with Belgrade without undermining the integrity of Bosnia as a sovereign

ing Bosnian Serbs 49 percent of the territory, remained intact.

Bosnian Serbs and the Cro-

atian-Muslim group should be allowed "equitable and balanced arrangements." The Bosnian Scrbs now con-

seen as a step toward the "Greater Serbia" that has so far been resisted by the West.

Earlier, the Bosnian Serbian leader. Radovan Karadzic, suggested that the possible offer of confederal links with Serbia would not be enough to get his side to accept a peace plan. He asked for international recogni-

#### Many of those heading for Red Sea state of Djibouti and the Kenyan port of Mombasa were sumburned, exhausted and in shock after their ordeal and a daylong transfer operation as sea. Some also had broken bones. Port anthorities in Diibouti said they expected survivors from the Italian cruise liner to arrive on Saturday on three S merchant ships and two U.S. Navy vessels. merchant ships and two U.S. Navy vessels. The 977 passengers and crew from nine countries altandoned the burning, \$30 million ship in life rafts and boats off the Horn of Africa on Wednesday after fire broke out in the engine room. They first took refuge on the flat deck of an or

Bosnian Serbs and Serbia.

deal with the conflict.

Mr. Juppe and his British counterpart, Foreign Minister Donglas Hurd, will travel to Belgrade on Sunday for talks with President Slobodan Milo-

Mr. Christopher made clear that the current peace initiative, and its territorial division giv-

But the contact group's state-ment said the land division "can be adjusted by mutual agreement between the par-

trol 70 percent of the territory. Allowing a linkup between the Bosnian Serbs and Serbia has been one of the main war aims of the Serbs and will be because they feared retaliation against the nearly 10,000 peacekeeping troops they have them.

The Achille Lauro

Finally Goes Under

Cruise Ship's Survivors Are Taken

To Safety in Djibouti and Kenya

Italian coast guard said.

ed among 10 rescue ships.

ingers were injured.

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ing threatened. A year ago it

was the other way around: Washington was more worried

Nor do the Europeans, led by

ermany and France, want the

Europeans were.

they need to do to join.

At first, Germany and

1995, but even that was enough

to unset Mr. Kozyrev.

said they were ready to receive them.

ROME — The Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro; gutted by a fire on Wednesday, sank on Friday in the Indian Ocean, the

Admiral Eugenio Sicurezza, commander in chief of the

Coast Guard, said, "We received word from the ship's owners

who were told by one of the two tugs at the scene that she had

The ship sank as it was being towed by a nig, a few maintain miles from where the blaze started early Wednesday.

Nearly 1,000 passengers and crew saved from the line of aboard the ship were sailing on Friday in a flotilla of ships for safe ports and medical care. The Italian Coast Grand coast of the safe ports and medical care.

safe ports and medical care. The Italian Coast Guard coordi-

tanker, the Hawaiian King.

They were ferried from the tanker Thursday and distributed

Port authorities said the first ship to arrive in Dibolative would be the Liberian-registered bulk carrier Barda with 6 Italians, 4 Israelis, 15 South Africans, 10 British, 6 Dutch and

It will be followed by the Lima with 50 passengers, the Iran

Sharbaz with 40 passengers, the U.S. Navy cruiser Gettysbing with 165 passengers and U.S. frigate Halyburton with 43.

Two elderly male passengers died in the disaster, a German who suffered a heart attack and a Briton who was killed by a

blow to the head while he was boarding a life raft. Eight

hundreds of survivors were expected on Sunday, and officials

ALLIES: Different Security Views

In Mombasa, shipping agents said five merchant ships with

7 German passengers and crew from the liner.

For France and even fer about Russia's feelings than the Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who is eager to dispel French fean about reunited Germany and keep moving toward Europeas unity, NATO does not rule out zation to take in new members a separate European defense identity—one the French have pursued on their own for year.

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Many Germans, used to rely strengthen its own military arm. ing on more than 300,000 The Russian foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, seemed to confirm Enropean apprehentry as protection from Soviet to confirm European apprehensions when he objected to the attack during the Cold War, one-year schedule that was fi- worry that future administra tions may not honor the Clinnally agreed upon, saying it was too short. The initial U.S. protoo short. The initial U.S. pro- ton administration's pledge to posal was to set a deadline of keep at least 100,000 there after mid-1995 for NATO to tell pro- next year.

spective new members what The German foreign minister, Klans Kinkel, also had words : Dole, expected to become the France tried to persuade the Senate majority leader. Mr. United States not to set a sched-Dole has been urging the Euro-

#### an blockade of aid convoys there is also wiping out stocks. An illustration of the respect that the United Nations grants to the Serbs unfolded on Friday in Sarajevo. Two wire-guided anti-tank missiles, fired from Serbian positions, hit the presidency building — one as General Rose and Mr. Akashi emerged from their armored vehicles to enter the building and But after the attack, the two went to the Serbian mountain stronghold of Pale to continue negotiations. "I would like to see our skies clear of NATO planes," the Ser-bian leader, Radovan Karadzic, said after the talks. "We are not defiant. That is wby NATO should not be around." Significantly, Mr. Akashi appeared understanding. "NATO can hring in their

Bosnian Muslims who were rounded up after recent fighting in Velika Kladusa, north of the enclave of Bibac.

#### STAMP: U.S. Postal Service Sets Off Outcry in Japan

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200,000 people were estimated to have died from the bombing by the end of 1945 and at least 100,000 more later.

our request just to help get the Many American historians believe that President Harry S. Truman decided to bomb Japan tried to invade Japan.

But others argue that the controversy over the Smithsonian display of the Enola Gay.

The exhibit scheduled to way and that the U.S. estimate

these historians say the motive strate American power to the Soviet Union in annicipation of

The justification for the historians and by bomb survibombing is a major focus of the vors in Japan.

The exhibit, scheduled to

#### **Sword Vanishes** From Museum at Windsor Castle

from Queen Elizabeth 11's Windsor Castle in the latest apparent security breach at a roy-

The police in Windsor said the sword, a gift to Prince Philip from the United Arab Emirates' president, disappeared from a cabinet in the castle's museum on Thursday.

There were no signs of a break-in.

The police were called in by officials when they noticed that the sword and its scabbard, valned at more than £7,000 (\$10,970), were missing. Security at Windsor Castle.

west of London, was breached last week hy two drunken schoolboys from Eton who broke in while the queen was in residence.

Earlier this year an attendant at Buckingham Palace, was sentenced to jail for stealing a painting worth £350,000.

#### most at odds with Washington would take place if the embargo over bombing Serbs in Bosnia. tion of Bosnian Serbian sover-

that spewed out of the factory that day. Mr. Thakur, his wife and three daughters each receive a small payment from the government every month. His wife, Shanti Devi, said she did sewing and borrowed

when the victims receive their compensa-

Union Carbide made a payment of \$470 million in 1989 to compensate victims. The funds were frozen after legal challenges to the settlement by activist groups. With accrued interest, they have grown to about

been slow, but advocates for the victims say that profiteers have become involved. promising higher payments if they are paid

ruption charges, and accusations against three others are being investigated. The 38 courts handling compensation

cases began issuing rulings last year, and they have ordered payments of \$110 million in 120,000 cases, with more than 300,000 cases to go. About one-fifth of the money went to

relatives of 6,954 people officially listed as having been killed by the leak, and the rest to surviving victims.

But senior medical specialists complained that many claims of death and serious injury were based on false docu-

In May, after a flood of complaints, Justice Abdul Gaycom Qureshi, who supervises the payment of compensation, blocked payments in the higher compensa-

The money has been deposited in a bank and can be withdrawn only after three years. The family members can collect the interest every month, Mr. Akram said.

minor injury cases.

mother and seven siblings.

There are many who believe that if the. payments had begun coming into the city years ago, life in Bhopal today could have been far less painful.

"All these efforts are ad hoc," said Mahesh Buch, a prominent environmentalist

Mohammad Akram, who works at a furniture store, was 12 when his father, a

truck driver, died in the gas disaster. In

October, his family received the equivalent

of \$5,500, which was divided among his

and town planner. "There has been no productive use of the millions of dollars flowing in."

#### tion cases, from \$1,600 to \$16,000. He

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President Bill Clinton. With the help of business executives and Republican leaders in both houses, Mr. Clinton lobbied for the agreement to the end, even after supporters concluded they had enough votes to pass it. He was host at a breakfast Thursday at the White House for hesitant senators of both parties and lobbied by phone through the rest of the day.

At the White House, surrounded by Senate and House leaders, Mr. Clinton hailed the vote and, referring to the North American Free Trade Agree-

"Just like the historic vote on

the right direction, reaching out to the rest of the world and looking at the best interests of our own people." The GATT agreement, the

product of seven years of negotiations, will create a new framework for trade among 124 nations, lowering tariffs by onethird, bringing down subsidies for farm exports, strengthening protection for patents, inventions and recorded entertainment and taking the first steps toward regulating trade in services and investment. The World Trade Organization will resolve disputes and enforce the

drugs and electronic products. whose exports will no longer face other nations' tariffs. Some less-efficient smaller farmers and the nation's textile and clothing manufacturers are most at risk from increased imports resulting from the lowering of U.S. trade barriers.

"Any way you cut it, we're for the American people."

#### U.S. Says ATRs Are Safe Craft

WASHINGTON ATR aircraft are safe, fedin seeking to reassure pas-

the planes have unnecessar-

The agency has restricted the use of the planes in icy

peace process going."
The goal, he said, was to "better understand the messages that are coming from to induce Japan to surrender and to save up to a million the Cold War. His statement was immedi-American lives that might have been lost had the United States ately contradicted by Captain Jim Mitchell of the U.S. Navy.

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surrendered. More than

of the number of potential casualties from an invasion was far lower, perhaps 30,000. Some of for the bombing was to demon-

open in the spring at the Air and Space Museum in Washington, was criticized by veterme arouns as being too sympagating the theft of a ceremonial
accusted with diamonds been changed to offer more justifications for the bombing.

Those changes bave been

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ule, but Mr. Christopher finally persuaded the Germans that if peans to get their troops out of they did not, Republicans in the the way in Bosma and lift the majority in the new Congress weapons embargo against the Bosnian government. "Lifting it now would proba-

could try to impose one. "We will present the results of our deliberations to interest- bly make the situation even ed partners prior to our next worse," Mr. Kinkel said, stating meeting in Brussels," the for- a widely held European view, cign ministers finally agreed. That will not be until the end of

Last week. NATO and the United Nations could not agree on an American suggestion that intensified air raids could stop American officials said that the Serbs' advance on the govthe British had been the biggest ernment-beld Bihac enclave. European supporters of the ex- and on Thursday one French pansion plan. But Britain and official said, "What happened France have been the countries in Bihac is a rehearsal of what

BHOPAL: 10 Years After Pesticide Disaster, 'Nothing Seems to Help' One judge has been suspended on cor- instructed the judges to adjudicate only

money to make ends meet. Nearly half a million people in Bhopal receive this interim relief, which is to stop

\$600 million. Not only has the compensation process

GATT: Group's Director Hails U.S. and Japanese Votes that our country is moving in

rules. The agreement will benefit NAFTA a year ago, this vote U.S. manufacturers of medical for GATT shows once again instruments, farm equipment.

the big beneficiary," said the incoming Senate majority leadcr. Boh Dole, Republican of Kansas. He called it a "net gain But Senator Ernest F. Hol-

lings, Democrat of South Carolina, who led opposition to the pact, described the vote as "the gravest mistake the U.S. has ever made on economic policy." (Reuters, WP)

eral regulators said Friday... sengers about the type of plane that crashed in October near Chicago. The crash of an Ameri-

can Eagle ATR-72, killing 68 people in Roselawn, Indiana, on Oct. 31, and reports this week that some pilots were reluctant to fly ily frightened people, Federal Aviation Administration officials said

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"We have always wanted peace but, of course, it must be an enduring one," said Nikola Koljestate. "We were ready to talk about other things

NATO's limited strikes did not stop them.

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# More Than 140 Feared Dead in Philippine Ferry Accident

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MANILA — More than 140 Lines, said the vessel had been people were feared drowned on Friday after an inter-island fer-ry with more than 600 people aboard collided with a contain-

er ship in Manila Bay and sank. Rescuers recovered 34 bodies after the early-morning acci-dent, but as night fell they suspended the search for 113 passengers and crew of the ferry Cebn City still believed missing. "I think they are dead," said

a Coast Guard spnkesman, Jaime Daquilanea. "I think they are with the ship below." Divers who reached the vessel in less than 30 meters (100 feet) of water at the mouth nf Manila Bay said they could see bodies pinned under baggage

Ships in the area rescued 451 people from the sea, many coat-ed with diesel oil that came nut of the ferry's engine room as it sank. The freighter, the Singapore-registered Kota Suria, was damaged but joined in the rescue effort

Survivors said the ferry crew had done little to help passengers evacuate the ship, which sank within 30 minutes. One 'crew member said the captain and his top mates had been trapped on the bridge by the

The accident, the worst in the Philippines 1988, happened be-fore dawn as the Cebu City. headed out of Manila Bay.

The ferry's owners, William struck amidships by the container ship in the husy shipping channel between Corregidor Island and the southern rim of the bay. The freighter, five times the ferry's size, destroyed the bridge and tore a three-foot hole in the lower deck.

The executive vice president nf William Lines, Alhert Chionghian, denied allegations that the 24-year-old Cebu City was unseawnrthy.

The chief of the navy, Rear Admiral Pio Carranza, said a mistake by either or both of the bridge officers on the ships could have caused the collision.

The Kuta Suria was en route to Manila after unloading cargo in central Cebu Province when the collision occurred. The Japanese-built ferry, commissioned in 1970, was en route to the central Philippines.

Some passengers sleeping on the upper decks managed to scramble from the Cebu City nnto the Kota Suria before the ferry tore itself away and sank. Others plunged into the bay to be picked up by rescue ves-

The worst peacetime ferry disaster occurred in the Philippines in December 1987. More than 3,500 people died in the collisinn of the ferry Dona Paz



Rescuers transporting the body of a victim of the ferry disaster Friday as relatives of passengers looked on in Manila.

# Faith After a Son's Death: Couple's Tragedy Inspires Israelis

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - The letters keep coming tens of thousands of them by now, Esther Waxman says - so many that she had to hire a private company to sort them. In Israel, the correspondents include her 12th-

grade students at Hehrew University High School in Jerusalem, where she teaches English. "I do not believe in God," one of them wrote. <sup>a</sup>I come from an atheistic family. Nevertheless, we lit candles on Friday night, and my sister and I even looked in Psalms about the release of prisoners. It didn't help, or so it seems at least, and so I wanted to ask you how can you still have

"This" was the October kidnapping and killing of her soldier son Nachshon by members of the Islamic group known as Hamas. And the answer to the student's question, says Mrs. Wax-man, an Orthodox Jew, is that faith still burns brightly for her and her husband, Yehuda, even is it has been sorely tested.

My husband is interested in opening an educational center now to get them young, to teach these children, these Hamas people, about hu-man life and values universal to all religions." she said. "He feels that by the time they're with no shortage of victims on both sides of the teenagers — however old these kids were who long Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and it was not

took Nachshon - it's too late. Even their own parents can't get to them anymore."

Nachshon Waxman, 19, was gunned down on Oct. 14 during a failed rescue mission by the Israeli Army. For almost a week before that, as the kidnapping drama built, his parents became familiar figures across Israel and in much of the world, appealing without anger and with sad dignity for his release, prayers that went

Now, seven weeks have passed. Yet Israelis and others - many letters come from abroad are still reaching out to the Waxmans and their six surviving sons, not just to comfort hut apparently also to be comforted.

Along with the letters, invitations cascade intn their row house in northern Jerusalem to speak at schools and community centers around the

country. Yehuda Waxman, a former schoolteacher and more recently a real-estate salesman, found himself invited to the signing ceremony last month for the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan. The next night, he was in the Israeli Parliament meeting President Bill Clinton.

It is unusual for so much attention and emotion to be focused on one family. This is a land the first time that a soldier had been kidnapped

Yet many Israelis have turned to the Waxmans, as though expecting that their hitter experience had supplied them somehow with the answers to complex questions.
"We reached bearts," Mrs. Waxman said at

home over coffee, her voice occasionally a quaver. "My son was everybody's son.
"Maybe there's the element of faith," she said.

"People in this country tend to be very extreme, and they see the religious community as an cess with reservations - she opposes it with extreme, fanatic group. But we're practicing, religious Jews who are also part of modern Western civilization, and maybe that his a chord. Maybe people are lacking that element of faith, and grabbed onto it when they saw it in so-called

"It's sort of crisis therapy," she added. "Religiously, spiritually, politically, we just feel as if we're floundering here, and there isn't a real concrete plan to give us directinn. People seek direction, and my husband talks about that."

Both Waxman parents are 47 and children of survivors of the Holocaust. He grew up in Romania, she in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn, a place that - Israelis need no reminding - also produced Dr. Baruch Goldstein, the settler who killed 29 Palestinians in Hebron last February. shon's seat is empty. But he's there."

"Snmebody wrote me saying that I'd vindicated the American Jewish community that immigrated to Israel, as a counter to Goldstein," said Mrs. Waxman. "I don't want that description of me, I don't know what motivated him, I don't want to get into that at all."

Similarly, the family has avoided speaking out on Israel's present peace policies.

But she acknowledges that an Israeli journalist was close to the mark about her husband and her when he wrote that "he supports the peace proreservations."

Of more immediate concern is her family. An 8-year-old boy, a twin, has Down's syndrome. Another son, 20, is also in the army, in a unit that was just sent into southern Lehanon where it faced possible fighting. With the family having lost a son, he needed his parents' permission to, go along; they refused.

This week happens to be the festive Jewish hnliday of Hanukkah, when families gather to light candles and sing songs.

The Sabbath and holidays are very difficult for all of us," Mrs. Waxman said as the doorbell rang - a mailman bringing yet another stack of letters. "That's family time. All of my children have their own seats around the table. Nach-

# Negotiator Defends North Korean Pact Despite Loose Ends

By R. Jeffrey Smith Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - A senior Clinton administration official has defended the U.S. nuclear against bipartisan congressional criticism that it gives the Communist natinn too many early benefits while putting off for years the elimination of the country's capability to make nuclear arms.

Ambassador-at-Large Rob-ert L. Gallucci, the chief U.S. negntiator, said at a Senate Foreign Relatinns subcommittee hearing that the accord "addresses all our concerns about North Korea's nuclear program" by immediately freezing the country's production of plutonium for weapons and even-tually forcing its dismantling of all related facilities.

But Mr. Gallucci acknowledged under questioning that the two new Western-style nuclear reactors North Korea is to get as a reward for destroying strategic terms "isn't that its existing facilities could eventually be used by North Korea to produce more plutonium, albeit not for many years and not without substantial difficulty.

There would be "a technical possibility" that North Korea could withdraw from the accord in around 15 years, after the two new reactors were completed, and reprocess the reactors' spent fuel rods to extract more plutonium for use in weapons. he said Thursday in response to questioning from Senator Charles S. Robb, Democrat of Virginia, outgoing chairman of the East Asian and Pacific Affairs subcommittee.

But Mr. Gallucci said that spent fuel from the so-called light water" reactors would contain dangerous radioactive isotopes, making its handling difficult. He also said the move would cause Washington to halt new fuel rod shipments to North Korea, leaving the country without fresh fuel to keep generating electrical power.

Mr. Gallucci took pains Thursday, as he did during a White House debate about the accord, to say that the fate of the spent fuel from the two new reactors remains "open for nogotiation." He indicated that Vashington would seek to clarify the matter in a pending contract between North Korea and a multinational consortium that would build the reactors.

Although Mr. Gallucci did not say exactly how, other offi-cials said that Washington accord with North Korea would seek to get a North Korean commitment in the contract that all spent fuel from the new reactors would be exported instead of stored in North Korea.

Senator Frank H. Murkowski, Republican of Alaska, also expressed concern about the issue Thursday. But Mr. Gallucci declined to answer directly when Senator Murkowski asked if Gary Milhollin, an independent nuclear proliferation expert, had correctly calculated that the total quantity of plutonium generated by the two new reactors would greatly exceed the amount that North Korea might have developed on its own with its existing technology and no accord.

"I'm not going to be able to give yoo a yes or no," Mr. Gal-lucci said. The difference in much" between plutnnium caches of such great size, be added. He had previously estimated that North Korea could have used its existing technology to make enough plutonium for 30 nuclear weapons a year.

#### **Jakarta Pledges** To Beef Up Law On Labor Safety

JAKARTA --- Indonesia, under fire for its labor safety record, has promised to get tough with companies that violate wnrker protectinn laws by pushing for harsher penalties and prosecuting 95 companies under existing laws.

The official Antara news agency quoted Labor Ministry officials as saying they had drafted a bill that includes harsher penalties for violators - usually those failing to pay the minimum wage - than the existing fine of about \$50.

"Existing sanctions are too light and are unable to serve as a deterrent to potential violators." Indonesia's director-general for manpower supervision, Suwarto, was quoted as saying on Thursday.

# Lebanese Leader's Resignation, Over 'Obstacles in Path,' Awaits Syria Talks

**BEIRUT** — Prime Minister Rafik Hariri of Lebanon said down from his decision to re-

But an adviser said the prime minister still had not formally presented his letter of resignation to the president, and would not do so until after talks with Syrian leaders in Damascus nn

Analysts here say they be- down from

lieve that the final decision on his resignation will be taken by Damascus, which has 35,000 Friday that he would not back troops in Lebanon and pulls the political strings in Beirut.

For two years I have been

ers are many American and British students who come to

study Arabic.

Lebanon's national television. which broadcast the speech,

trying to push forward the pro-ject of rebuilding" the country, Mr. Hariri said in a speech, said he was referring to it. "and for two years there are those who are working on putting obstacles in my path. My last step is a step I will not back

Mr. Hariri, speaking at the opening of an Arab book fair hours after announcing his decision to resign, did not specifically mention resignation. But irreconcilable differences with House Speaker Nabih Berri as

"I came to take part in build-ing Lebanon, and I have tried to attract all the positive potential hidden in the country and to deal with everybody so as to release a great cycle of development which Lebanon is in dire need of," Mr. Hariri said. "But

tempts to impede it and create doubts to hinder its execution." A source close to Mr. Hariri said earlier that he had cited

the reason for offering his resignation late Thursday to President Elias Hrawi. It is the third time the 48year-old prime minister bas staged a nne-man strike since he became prime minister in October 1992 with the task of re-

building Lebanon after the 1975-90 civil war.

He stayed at home for a week



for Lebanon's future at home and abroad and a \$237 million run on the Lebanese pound.

Mr. Hariri, a construction tycoon who made his fortune in Saudi Arabia, has spent two years on an ambitious program to rebuild Lebanon from the civil war. The nation bas achieved monetary stability, a steady capital inflow and in-

ing Mr. Hariri's rule and has begun rebuilding from the ruins of war,

But some of Mr. Hariri's projects have aroused criticism and he has had repeated conflicts with Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Berri, the two other members of Lebanon's ruling "troika of presi-(Reuders, AFP) dents.

#### 4 American Students in Fight With Egyptians Will Quit Cairo programs. More than half are Egyptians. Among the foreign-

-CAIRO - Egyptian and U.S. students clashed on the campus of the American University in Cairo, and officials later said four Americans involved in the incident were leaving the country. Students and witnesses said

the fight started after U.S. Embassy officials arrived at the downtown campus Thursday in investigate an incident a day earlier in which four American students allegedly roughed up an Egyptian, Mustafa Najam, who is president of the Student Union. They said about 250 students

eathered to demand that the diplomats leave the campus, shouting that they were interfering in student affairs. The diplomats were unable to leave until the police were sum-

At least two students, both believed to be Egyptians, were taken to a hospital for treatment, they said. There were nn reports of arrests.

The reason for the confronta-tion between Mr. Najam and the American students was not immediately known.

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across French Indochina.

when he opened a show of male nudes. It

was not until 1990 that the government

allowed nudes to be shown publicly, and

even today male nudes are generally con-

Modern Vietnamese painting had its start in the 1920s, when the French colo-

nial government established the Ecole des

Beaux-Arts de l'Indochine in Hanoi, which

trained a generation of painters from

The French influence may explain why

Vietnamese art today appeals so widely to

the Western eye. Western-trained art deal-

ers admire the technical achievement that

is usually missing from the painting pro-

duced elsewhere in Southeast Asia. "It's

unique in this mixture of European and

Asian styles," said Shirley S. Hui, a Chinese-American art dealer who is one of the

owners of the Gallery La Vong in Hoog

Hui represents several of Vietnam's best

artists. Among them no one brings a higher

price than Do Quang Em, 52, a painter

from his earlier career as a photographer.

much as \$70,000 apiece by the time they

land in Hoog Kong, Em lives modestly in a

small house in Ho Chi Minh City. A de-

vout Buddhist, his only obvious luxury the

pack of imported Dunhill cigarettes at his

cloow, he shrugs when asked about the

money his works attract overseas. Although he does not want to discuss his

prices, he clearly sells them to overseas

dealers for a small fraction of the prices

they eventually command. "In Hong Kong, they can offer my paintings for the prices that they like," he says, insisting that whatever happens elsewhere in Vietnam,

his work will not be corrupted by the

sudden opportunity to become rich. "I

whose photo-realism style follows naturally

While his large oil paintings sell for as

Paintings of Do Quang Em, here with a portrait of himself and his wife, have sold for as much as \$70,000 abroad.

# Vietnam's Flourishing Art Scene

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

ANOI — During the Vietnam War, there was little paper and almost no canvas in North Vietoam, and so one of the fathers of modern Vietnamese painting, Bin Xuan Phai, was often forced to do his work on matchboxes and scraps of newsprint.

Phai, who in his lifetime never earned more than the equivalent of a few hundred dollars from his art, had a graceful, fluid painting style that is still much imitated by Vietnamese artists, north and south. He died in his beloved Hanoi in 1988.

It is a sign of how the free market has begun to affect Vietnamese art that young admirers in Hanoi have begun to copy something else of Phai's — his distinctive signature — in hopes of persuading unsus-pecting foreign art buyers to pay thousands of dollars for what appears to be an original.

There are many, many obvious fakes of Phai," said Nguyen Thi Lan Huong, 27, the owner of the Gallery Saigon, one of dozens of art galleries that have opened in Vietnam in the last two years. "By now, I do not think there are many real Phai paintings left in the country. The foreigners have bought them all. The foreigners seem to like our paintings very much."

Vietnamese art is suddenly a very big husiness, a multimillioo-dollar industry that now supports hundreds of artists who until a few years ago were united by their desperate poverty. The prices keep going up," said Huoog, whose own jet-setting up," said Huoog, whose one jeod the lifestyle demonstrates just how good the mooey in this business can be; after returning from a recent trip to the lodooesian resort island Bali, she was off to Singapore for an art exhibition, followed by her first visit to the United States.

With the fascination elsewhere in Asia

Vietnam are beginning to turn up in exclusive galleries in the Asian money centers of Hong Kong and Singapore, drawing prices that start at several hundred dollars and end in the tens of thousands.

Collectors caught up in the craze for Vietnamese art have driven up the price of genuine Phai, which might have fetched \$500 a few years ago, to as much as \$25,000. The question in Hanoi today is whether Vietnam's artists are also being asked to sell their souls - for a very

handsome price, mind you.

Some artists complain that the overall quality of art in Vietnam is declining as talented painters turn out work as quickly as they can, hoping for equally quick sales, while untalented painters flood into the market, turning out what they hope will attract the eye of undiscerning tourists. That is my concern," said Nguyen Van Chung, a painter who is the director of the National Museum of Fine Arts in Hanoi. "If our painters think too much of money, they will be producing a market product. They will just try to satisfy the taste of the

THERS suggest that after generations of government-coforced poverty, the money is precisely what Vietnamese painters need to encourage them to take the oext step: to begin producing work that challenges the political order.

It may already be happening. While lit-tle Vietnamese art is overtly political, painters - who for years were essentially government employees because there was no one else to buy their work - have begun to produce images that ooce would have been forhidden by Vietnam's prudish government censors as counterrevolution-

A young, openly gay Viennamese painter for all things Vietnamese, paintings from created a sensation in Hanoi in February

# Marville's Once and Future Paris

By Katherine Knorr International Herald Tribane

ARIS - When Baron Haussmann was preparing to tear up the streets of Paris, the city asked the photographer Charles Marville to make a record of what was disappearing; medievally narrow streets, courtyards crowded by workshops, leaning apartment huildings and what seems now, in a city surrounded by skyscrapers, almost open

Marville, who was a mildly taleoted illustrator, mostly in lithographs and woodcuts, made his career as a photographer of record, first with reproductions of paintings and sculpture and architectural pictures of churches and châteaux, later as the official photographer of the Louvre Museum, and finally as the set photographer in the transformation of Paris.

Marville's work for the city, which be-gan in 1858, meant recording the old, but it also meant shooting the tearing down, the remarkable scaffolding and all the oew points of modern civic pride, from the buildings to the statues and parks (like the weird and extraordinary Buttes-Chaumont), omnibus stops, Morris columns and municipal toilets, the famous vespa-

The range of Marville's work, which deserves to be better known, is revealed in a wonderful show at the Bibliothèque Historique de la Ville de Paris (22 Rue Malher in the fourth arrandissement) until Dec.

Marville, who was born in 1816, is something of a mystery. Almost nothing is known of his life, not even when he died, perhaps in 1878. His attitude to-ward the utilitarian but extraordinary pictures that he took is oot entirely clear. He is believed to have had a temper, and had fallings-out with several of the people he worked with. His artwork and some of his photography make him appear some-thing of a romantic. His self-portrait in the exhibition shows a handsome, carefully dressed man.

Marville the photographer is also little-known today, and this show is an attempt to rescue him from darkness by exhibiting and publishing hundreds of pictures in the city's archives, from damaged calotypes to some uncannily clear original prints on

LTHOUGH Marville's pictures of the streets of Paris are likely to strike a oostalgic chord in anyooe who admires the city, they were probably meant to do quite the opposite. They emphasized narrowness, crookedness, the irregular pavement, even the greasy darkness of wet cobblestooes, and so. showed how insalubrious was the Paris sooo to disappear, how shabby the houses, the



Marville's photo of a vespasienne on Rue du Faubourg Saint-Martin. erected in 1848.

artisans' workshops, the little businesses. Objects are always precisely photographed - street names and administrative posters are clear (and familiar, the typography having remained the same), as are stonework, porte-cochère curbs, pockmarked walls - testimony to Marville's perial power.

work as an architectural photographer. On the rare occasions when people appear. they have the stonelike quality brought on

by long posing.

Marie de Thezy, the curator of the show, says that Marville shot in the morning or evening and often in rain, to emphasize darkness and squalor. This seems true of some, but not all these pictures. Wet pavement was useful to the photographer because water enhanced the reflection of light, and early or late sun gave greater contrast and so precision to the subject. In quite a few of these photographs, the sun spreads large rectangles of pale light on distant pavement, and white traces indicate daytime human bustle that didn't get recorded by those long

camera exposures.

Although Marville had extensively photographed churches in his previous work, he did not record the medieval churches that Haussmann was to raze. Marie de Thezy, also the editor of a book of photographs published by Hazan to accompany the exhibition, believes that was emphati-cally not part of the assignment — showing the churches would not have set the right tone for this magnificent propagand

HE Second Empire wanted to make Paris a modern city (and one without street insurrections). Hanssmann's ideas were pharaonic, as some would label François Mitterrand's grands travaux. Haussmann was that most alarming of urban planners, the visionary, and while he created a beautiful and truly 19th-century city, with broad avenues and parks and proper urban lighting and sewers, he also ran thoroughly out of control.

When Marville photographs the new, everything is full of light. Here at last is sky and trees and fountains. He is a sober recorder of urban, imperial grandeur, and his vision in these photographs was the vision that informed the great world expositions where Progress was the theme and Marville repeatedly won medals.

Here are Baltard's pavilions being built, here the Hôtel de Ville rising grotesquely from its ashes, parks carved out of the earth, people peaking through the wooden barriers at the enormous work around the

Was Marville a great artist? An obvious comparison is to the far better-known Atget (who was probably inspired to some extent by Marville). Although their aims were in some ways contradictory, Marville does not fare badly in the comparison. His mean streets, in rain and in sunshine, are cerily beautiful; a century later, they seem an unwitting tribute to the little man, to towns with human dimensions, testimony to the hubris of im-

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# Into the Void With Yves Klein

By David Galloway

USSELDORF/COLOGNE, Germany - These two Rhineland cities, traditional rivals in the cultural sweepstakes, have undertaken a unique collaboration. With "Yves Klein: Leap Into the Void." they are currently staging the first major retrospecnive for the revolutionary French artist (through Jan. 8).

Though he had not yet celebrated his 34th birthday when he died of a heart attack in 1962 and his active career spanned a mere eight years. "Yves the Phenomenon," as he dubbed himself, had already exerted a pivotal influence on the cootemporary art scene. He had also anticipated many of the minimalist and conceptualist trends of the following de-

In addition to paintings, assemblages and installations, Klein articulated his idiosyncratie aesthetie in performances, architecturs! proposals, photographs, texts and film scenarios. He even composed a symphooy consisting of a single sustained chord, followed by an equal period of silence.

Small wonder, then, that many of his contemporaries labeled him a charlatan. As evidence, they could point to the two catalogues of his monochrome paintings. published in 1957. Each documented 10 canvases that were oot actually produced

until the following year. In the monochromes for which Klein is best known among museumgoers, every trace of personal gesture and subjective expression is banished. By reducing his works to pure color, he strove to free and sharpen the viewer's own perceptual facul-

Such canvases also hung, as aids to med-itation, in the judo school Klein founded in Mootparnasse, after winning his black belt in Tokyo. The duty of art, according to the Zen-inspired teacher, was to assist the viewer in discovering his own soul.

The most "soulful" color for Klein was the vivid ultramarine blue that he developed together with a chemist friend and subsequently patented as "IKB" (International Klein Blue). The first show of blueoo-hlue paintings was held in a Milan gallery, where the identical formats were offered at a wide range of prices.

The following year, visitors to Klein's show at the Paris gallery of Iris Clert sipped blue cocktails in a vacant all-white space. Outside, a "sky sculpture" of blue balloons lifted into the air. Reliefs and sculptures of sponges dipped in "IKB" would extend the repertory, along with the "Imprints" produced hy paint-smeared bodies writhing across a canvas.

Resolved to break down the barriers between art and life, Klein cultivated the skills of self-promotion that his contemporaries Joseph Beuys and Andy Warhol also mastered. In 1957 he confided to his diary, "A painter should paint a single masterpiece, himself, incessantly." If io his own short career, Klein became a living legend, his early death assured him a mythic status of the sort normally reserved for stars like James Dean. A smart career move.

Not surprisingly, the Klein legend has often stood in the way of an objective appraisal of his stature. The overview now provided by the Rhineland retrospective thus offers a rare chance to come to grips with the works. At Cologne's Museum Ludwig, viewers can observe the artist's "Emergence and Development," while Düsseldorf offers "Culminations," including the canvases Klein "painted" with a

Further shows at Cologne's Galerie Gmurzynska and at Haus Esters in Monchengiadbach (through Feb. 5) round out the picture.

T is no coincidence that the museum shows, which move oext year to Londoo's Hayward Gallery and Madrid's Reina Sofia, originated on the Rhine. One of the first important exhibitions of Klein's "Monochromes" was held at Düsseldorf's legendary Galerie Schmela

He created his "Void" room for Krefeld in 1958, and in 1959 completed massive sponge reliefs for the new musical theater Gelsenkirchen. The exposure helped Klein to attract German collectors, and critics here were more sensitized to the aesthetic implications of his personal mythology. In his brief, volatile career, "Yves the Phenomenon" sought nothing less than a redefinition of art itself.

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#### **BOOKS**

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By Colin Thubron. 374 pages. \$23. HarperCollins.

Reviewed by Luree Miller OME with Colin Thubron to Central Asia. The tales he tells are the latest tidings in a long tradition of travel literature about this remote region that has obsessed the imaginations of English adventurers since the first days of the British Empire. The 19th-century travel writer Isabella Bird Bishop heard her homebound husband declare, "I have only one formidable rival in Isabella's heart, and that is the high tableland of Central Asia." English men and women, such as Isabella, poked at the edges or

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chanced a single daring thrust "The Lost Heart of Asia" is toward the forbidden heart of enriched by Thubron's knowl-Asia. Their accounts compose a small body of fascinating travel geoning: The Russian empire has crumbled, and Central Asia is now an open land.

Travel there still is not easy. But typically, the English forge ahead as intrepid, independent travelers carrying with them a strong sense of history based on their predecessors' adventures and Britain's loog involvement in the Great Game.

Thubron, an acclaimed English oovelist, wanted to plumb the heart of Asia to discover what makes it beat. His journey was made during the first spring and summer of Central Asia's unexpected independence from Russia in the fall of 1991. Arriving in Ashkabad, a city that

'looked impermacent," he roamed for 6,000 miles by hus, train and car through originally nomadic lands now designated as the independent states of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Everywhere Thubron was haunted by history.

edge of Muslim culture; he has small body of fascinating travel traveled extensively in the Mid-literature that is suddenly bur-dle East and North Africa. The mosques of Samarkand, restored medresens (Islamie schools) of Tashkent, and fortress ruins in deserts and mountains prompt his historical vignettes of longforgotten sultanates, their savagery and splendor.

> Russian is the lingua franca of Central Asia, and Thubron's ability to speak it (which he modestly says is halting) is a definite asset. People tell him the stories of their lives - usually during marathon vodka-drinking sessions. The horrors they endured under Soviet rule are now being forgotten or minimized as they struggle for survival in the current economic chaos. The new states are founded on ethnicity, but identities are un-

clear. Ethnic intermarriages have blurred tribal loyalties. A miasma of longing for some sort of certainty and purpose in life hangs over Central Asia from the Aral Sea to the Pamirs.

Halfway through his journey.

badgered, hounded and bilked by hard-faced, loitering youths and lootish, drunken adults, Thubron realizes "how deeply my concept of the Russians had changed. Suddenly everything which they had achieved here in education, welfare, administration, however corrupt and limited — was threatening to collapse. The old, bullying propaganda - the Marxist invocations to work and unity - all at

once looked like benign common sense, a plea for the future." As a travel writer Thubron is not memorably crotchety like Paul Theroux or vividly opinionated like Martha Gellhorn. He is evenhanded and courteous, even to bores and lushes. But he is persistent in his curiosity, following obscure leads and dangerous roads to find the true heart of Asia. He has a novelist's sensitivity and an historian's perception. One could not ask for a more rewarding travel com-

Luree Miller, author and travel writer, wrote this for The

panion in a little-known land.

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Picasso portrait (detail).

# At Auction, a Feverish Search for Big Names

International Herald Tribune ONDON - Nothing is more mysterious than the mechanism that gets big money flowing in the art market. For Impressionist and Modern pictures, the wheels that started moving last year in the fall were spinning faster this week than at any point.

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On Monday and Tuesday, as Christie's and Sotheby's conducted their respective night sessions traditionally reserved for the pick of the basket, the eagerness to buy

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was vivid in both houses. Sales in both sessions added up to an astonishing £25 million (\$39 million), given the merchandise. There was little on offer and the quality was not impressive. This is a dangerous moment for buyers. They operate in the tail end of a market at a point when leftovers tend to be overvalued because nothing else is available.

At Christie's, the feverish search for great names even when these were not appended to great works was obvious. Important paintings by Gustav Klimt, the towering figure of the Secessionist movement in Vienna, are no longer seen at auction these days. So when a large picture by the master came its way, the auction bouse's public relations machinery drummed it up. That the closeup view of flowers in a garden, painted by the artist about 1905-1907, should bear no connection to the innovations that made Klimt's originality was happily ignored.

The composition reflects Klimt's belated exposure to Impressionism. Spots of bright red and bright orange with a lighter sprinkling of purple and white pop out of a sea of greens. This is all about color effects. not light. In contrast to Impressionism, it has no depth, no volume and no perspective. Nor does the composition display the crisp structural delineation that characterizes Klimt's uniquely expressive portraits its price did not seem quite as extravagant mained sustained throughout.

as it actually is at £3,741,500, this is only because the mind-boggling estimate was set by Christie's at £3.5 million to £5 million, plus the 10 percent premium.

At least the Klimt had charm. No such redeeming quality accounts for the £573,500 paid for a late cityscape by Paul Signac, "La Place aux Herbes, Verone," done in 1908. By then, the Pointillist technique in Signac's oeuvre had become a trick rather than a way of conveying a feel for light. Without the Pointillist screen, the view would come close to photographic accuracy. Like the Klimt, the Signac falls outside the corpus of the ocuvre that once made the artist great.

Not only did uncharacteristic works fare splendidly on Monday, but so did sheer mediocrities. Camille Pissarro's harvest scene painted in 1887, when the Impressionist artist was heavily influenced by the Pointillism of Signac, is unbalanced and confused. It fetched a whopping £1,013,500. The price suggests a buyer dying to own a Pissarro and falling back on what is left, i.e. the works unwanted after three decades of feverish hunting for Impressionist art by every museum or major collector of 19thcentury painting. Pissarros turn up in most sales, but great Pissarros are unobtainable.

HE rarity factor is now affecting early 20th-century works. Picas-so's Neoclassical period, which lasted about three years until the end of 1923, is bard to come by. The portrait of a woman, her enormous head bending forward with a glazed expression of unfathomable boredom, was hugely expensive at £2,091,500.

On Monday, only the most improbable daubs were left out in the cold. Typical casualties included a moonlit landscape by Corot, not unlike some outsized color image for Camembert cheese, complete with cows. An unfinished Monet landscape, as deli-cately done as if the artist had brushed the canvas with a broomstick laden with paint, and urban scenes in his grand manner. If also floundered. Otherwise, interest re-

Yet, it was left to Sothehy's Tuesday sale to give the full measure of the effervescent mood of art huyers. Perhaps the week's most astonishing coup, when looked at from the vendor's viewpoint, certainly not the buyer's, was the sale of a still life by Manet. The picture was left unfinished. Flowers are heaped on a Louis XV marquetry table. Its top is vaguely indicated in broad spiashes of browns. In the background, a few sepia strokes on a creamy surface suggest that the artist intended to reproduce some landscape painting. The messy pieture carried a £500,000 to £700,000 estimate. At £400,000 no one seemed interested. Simon de Pury, who was conducting the sale, then called out £410,000, and suddenly brought down his hammer, almost shouting, "Sold!" Alex Apsis, the director of Sotheby's New York Impressionist and Modern art department, acting on behalf of a client, had signaled he

was bidding. Another miraculous price from the ven-dor's viewpoint in Sotheby's auction was the £397,500 paid for a landscape by Henri-Edmond Cross, a fellow traveler of Pointillism. The view of a deep bay, with hills in the background, is an academic landscape barely disguised by the Pointil-list technique. Two women standing in the water at the far end, would appear to have been added as an afterthought. They hardly enhance the appeal of the landscape.

As the sale progressed, a continuing up-grading process seemed to be in the making. A study of a naked woman reclining on a couch in a would-be provocative posture carried the signature of Kees van Dongen. The Flemish artist produced some true masterpieces in his Fauve period. Unfortunately, this was not one of them. A band of green color has been slapped along the leg. presumably to indicate a shadow. The confused setting is hard to make out. The clumsy picture comes within mehes of qualifying as a daub. The generous £386,500 that greeted it would be inconceivable were the market not so starved for goods.

The magic of famous names was as effective at Sotheby's as it was at Christie's. It boosted a Picasso with a faint claim to beralding Fauvism. The large watercolor sketch of an aetress performing at the Moulin Rouge dated 1901 brought a stag-gering £1,816,500, above the high estimate by one third.

The publicity given to Caillebotte's name through the current Paris show similarly boosted the painter's life-size portrait of his old friend Paul Hugot. Executed in 1878, at the height of Impressionism, it is as far removed from it as anything Caillebotte ever did. The standing figure looks like a photograph colored by hand. The predominant color chosen is, as it were, a negation of color. The portrait is a study in monnchrome black against a white ground with-out any substance to it, like the white paper backdrop of a photographic studio. That portrait cost its buyer a huge £661,500.

OES all this pave the way for a replay of the late 1980s when attendances were prepared to swallow everything? Not for the moment. Aside from the fact that the market now stands at about half the price level it reached when hysteria climaxed in 1989-90, there is a noticeable feeling of selfcontrol and composure as bidders get in on the act. Gigantic sums were lost by the reckless investors who came in from the stock exchange and other places in the late 1980s, when they tried to realize what they imagined to be their artistic assets in a

moment of need. The memory lingers.
In addition, those who bought in 1988-90 and were not forced to unload their holdings hang on to them because prices are nowhere near what many of them paid. If they were to sell now, they would lose not just the interest on the sums invested, but part of the capital as well. Because many buyers of yore are not ready to sell, the market remains tight. With far fewer transactions than five years ago, the market keeps its cool, even when its actors significantly overpay.



Caillebotte portrait of Paul Hugot.

# The Artistic Heresies of André Derain

By Michael Gibson International Herald Tribune

ARIS — André Derain, one of the leading Fauvist painters, a friend of Matisse and Braque, later much admired by Balthus and Giacometti, fell into a twofold disgrace with the French art world. He broke with the princitoles of Modernism in the '20s, and reluctantly accepted to take part in a German art tour orga-

by soldiers left him homeless. In Derain's work remains the most fact, however, the house re- accessible to a modern viewer. mained requisitioned throughout the war. He also imagined he other things, his colors became might be able to secure the re- more muted, his landscapes and lease of a number of French art-portraits and still lifes more ists who were then prisoners of war. In this he was also disap- ive in the manner of Marie Lanpointed. And while he was rencin or . . . but at this cleared of accusations of col-point, words begin to fail one as laboration by a court after the one observes the artist running war, the excitable mood of Parithe gamut of forms and styles, sian society in the postwar years led to his relative ostracism.

Viewing the current exhibi-tion at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris (to unlike the diversity we associate March 19), one cannot help with Picasso's production and thinking that Derain's contem-poraries were perturbed above of course. This may be because .. thinking that Derain's contemall by the heresy of the artist's one senses a singleness of purhighly personal and so-called pose in Picasso, a powerful and Neoclassical evolution. This is indeed brutal anthority and a hardly surprising, since it is also, clear awareness of his own pubthough in a positive sense, an lic persona, while Derain's proenigma to the contemporary tean shifts seem to reflect a last-

Derain was quintessentially French in his temper and out- gifted, however, and his evolulook and even in his features: An tion shows an intimate concern amusing photo displayed in the with the fundamental issues of exhibition shows him most con- art. He did what he felt was vincingly dressed up as Louis necessary and always spoke his

inclined to experiment, engagingly prone to understatement and, being a practitioner above all, rather suspicious of theory -a trait that distinguished him from the Parisian mainstream of

his day. His early Fauvist work is suffused with the enthusiasm of a youthful hedonism. O brave new world that has such colors in it! The underlying white of some of the best landscapes nized for propaganda purposes
hy the Nazi occupiers in 1941.

Derain had hoped this trip
might help him recover his house

done in Collioure in the south
of France bespeaks the artist's
dazzlement at the sight of this
sumny, dappled world.

purcy. Its occupation This "revolutionary" part of But the painter soon turned to classical or Cubistie or even naone observes the artist running testing one idiom after another, all in the short decade preced-

ing World War I. Derain's eclecticism is quite

ing perplexity or discomfort.

The artist was marvelously

of the aesthetic creed.

He did not hesitate, for inpressionists painted like "fairly gray-toned painting by Le Nain the Ecclesiasts. could demolish a Monet any day. One may or may not agree, hut one can only gain from being confronted with such challenges to hallowed commonhis own work, as demonstrated ing paintings, sculptures, draw-ings, costumes and sets assembled in this exhibition.

UT his experience of is a formal demonstration of World War I, notably this assertion: "All of this has gaiety of youth. French critics rather ominously refer to the and death." ing that reactionary forces were attempting to take over the field of the arts and that Derain had

gories and mythological scenes betray a nostalgic delight in stance, to declare that the Im- forms no longer considered relevant - a delight tempered gifted young ladies" and that a with the somber pessimism of

To the triumphant proclamations of modernism, grinding the bones of the past and celebrating the glories of the new life, Derain's art appears to replaces. Derain did as much in spond that there is "nothing new under the sun" - an afby more than 300 items includ- front to all that Modernism believed in - and his constantly shifting eclecticism, which offended the disciplined experi-

at Verdun, seems to already been done and we, like have put an end to the every one of these artists of the past, are also subject to time manner of the succeeding years
as a "return to order" — implyal pathos in the croticism of his nudes, and something timeless

(something beyond both mo-dernity and tradition), in his lost his revolutionary ardor.

He had no doubt lost it, but might well remind one of the things were not that simple.

Diplomatic relations with the arts of the past were far from of the feather-light murals of

mind on matters artistic, at the easy at that time, and Derain's Pompeii emerging from the volrisk of shocking the guardians nudes, still lifes, portraits, alle- canic ashes to bear witness to mutability.

This pathos inherent to Derain's work does not appear in that of, say, Matisse or Picasso. On the other hand, Derain lacks the cobesion apparent in the latter's manic abundance, and it fails to achieve the synthesis that is so clearly visible in the way Matisse unfolds his primal intuition and brings it to glorious fulfillment.

Derain's work of the last years is often profoundly, intimately sorrowful. Rather significantly, the last room of the exhibition contains two somber little landscapes, one of which is described as "triste" in the title, and the other as "sinistre." Beside them hangs the artist's ultimate self-portrait, a masterpiece in the great Western tradition that, like the rest of the production of this fine, imperfect painter, confronts the artists of today with a lasting



Detail of "Autoportrait à la pipe," Derain's last self-portrait, done in 1953.

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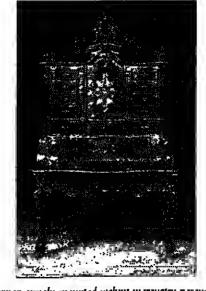
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# Amoral Endgame in Bosnia

With Serbian forces advancing without restraint, European and American diplomats in headlong retreat from their own peace plan and the United Nations threatening to withdraw its peacekeepers, the prolonged dismemberment of Bosnia is moving into its endgame. Washington cannot, especially at this late date, unilaterally rescue Bosnia from its unhappy fate. Neither is it obliged to lean on the Bosnians to accept Serbian terms in order

to end the fighting.

But what the Clinton administration can and must do is stop trying to please everybody at once and instead begin talking hluntly and honestly - to the Bosnians the Serbs, the allies and the American people. That is something that the administration has so far spectacularly failed to do. The last few days have been the worst, as the White House, the State Department and the Pentagon spoke with three discordant voices.

The administration must begin hy making sure the Bosnian government is under no illusion that NATO, the United States or the Republican Party is going to rescue them from the militarily superior Serbian forces. If the Bosnians prefer to keep fighting rather than freeze current front lines in place, that is their right, but they will fight alone. There does not even seem to be much realistic hope that the United States can get the international arms embargo lifted to equalize the sides, although Washington should keep trying.

To the Serhs, the administration should make plain that it will not go along with its allies in rewarding their attacks on civilian centers with new territorial concessions and further easing of UN economic sanctions. Washington probably cannot do anything to stop Europe's diplomacy of appeasement, hut it can and should veto further rewards to the Serbs in the United Nations, other than as part of a package deal to lift the Bosnian arms embargo. To NATO, Washington should continue emphasizing that it will not let

differences over Bosnia interfere with larger common objectives. But recogniz-ing that there is no NATO consensus over Bosnia does not require surrendering American principles and interests to forge a false consensus, as the administration seems inclined to do.

Washington is still formally committed to contributing ground troops to monitor a just and voluntary peace. It should make plain that no American troops will be available to enforce the peace plan that Britain and France seem intent on imposing on Bosnia. Should the administration be so foolish as to persist down the road that London and Paris are charting, the new Republican-dominated Congress should and probably will force it to reverse course, at considerable political and diplomatic cost.

To the American people, the adminis-tration would do well to acknowledge that with Europe no longer divided into nuclear-armed blocs, the United States is not ohliged to intervene in every conflict. Truly horrible crimes have been committed in Bosnia, mostly by the Serbs. But no compelling American se-curity interests could have justified sending U.S. ground troops or overrid-ing the preference of the European Union not to resist the Serbian advance.

Even with no U.S. troops on the ground. Washington had a right and a duty to speak out. As the main military contributor to NATO and Europe's favorite candidate for enforcing any Bosnian peace settlement, America could not afford to let others make decisions on its

behalf. It still cannot. The diplomatic endgame in Bosnia is likely to be as messy and amoral as what has been going on for the past three years. America's substantive role in these events. while not glorious, has been more bonorable than that of most other countries. The best way to maintain that honor now is to summon the will to speak the painful truth to friend, foe and the American people.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### Now to Reinvent Rwanda

up the daunting task, had three choices in calculating how to put post-slaughter Rwanda hack together. It could wring its hands — which is tempting, when you look at the problems, but a had idea. It could associate itself with the Hutu goverument in exile (in Zaire), which speaks for a Rwandan majority hut which is forever tainted by the killings - another bad idea. Or it could support the untested minority-Tutsi military government set up by the winners of the war. This was the choice, made more by Washington, less by Paris. It was somewhat arhitrary, hut no other choice could have been made.

Rwanda emerged from the slaughter with a half-million or more of its citizens dead and millions exiled or otherwise uprooted, and with its economy and civil structures simply gone. Now it has a struggling military-appointed government. Neither the president nor the prime minister is a Tutsi, and the latter, an earnest Montreal-educated businessman named Faustin Twagiramungu, who has just been in Washington, is no fanatic, but an opposition figure who is no apologist for the Rwanda Patriotic Front.

There is no consensus yet on whether Hutu-Tutsi reconciliation is possible and how it might best be pursued. International peacekeepers to secure the camps in

The West, or the part of it ready to take Zaire and escort refugees home seem especial, and remote. At 15 percent before the carnage, Tutsis may now be harely half that; a narrow base that makes the Patriot-

ic Front hesitate at the notion of elections. How does one reinvent Rwanda? In Washington, Mr. Twagiramungu did the dealing that will make up the \$9 million in arrears owed the World Bank and unlock \$150 million or more in project assistance and credits. The United States on its own is presenting an early \$12 million aid package. One item is a halfmillion dollars for an international war crimes tribunal, although early trials could run up against the hate and fear still at large in the land. Washington set a useful example by sending an ambassador back after the war and by sponsoring the war-crimes and other human rights mitiatives. If the French can loosen up a hit, the European Union, a major provider of emergency aid, has development money ready for Rwanda, too.

Call all this peanuts. It is not unrelated to Rwanda's absorption capacity and to the small scale of Western attention to Africa as a whole. Americans have only a slight hilateral interest in Rwanda, but a country that has the devastation it has can be ignored only at the common shame.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### **Other Comment**

#### China Like Everyone Else

What is it about China that leads otherwise intelligent people to suspend their critical facilities? Voltaire, echoing a fascination with China provoked by the idealized dispatches of early Jesuit missionaries, saw in Emperor Qianlong the philosopher-king Europe never had. With more tragic results, the secular acolytes of Chairman Mao centuries later would write even more fantastic reports about the splendors of his new China, this while the Cultural Revolution was in high fever. More recently the enthusiasm has moved in the opposite direction, with China a sort of economic Shangri-la where the basic laws of commerce contracts, property rights, the rule of law
— are suspended and profits are had hy

tossing in ever higher sums of money. All this looks set to change yet again. The world is undergoing one of its periodic reassessments of China, and even its most ardent champions are having second thoughts. During a recent meeting in Beijing, Prime Minister Li Peng told members of the board of Dow Jones & Co. that China's new stock markets in Shanghai and Shenzshen remain "experimental." There is no surer prescription

for instability than the uncertainty such

arbitrariness hreeds. China has made enormous progress since Deng Xiaoping first threw open its door, and the eagerness of outsiders to participate in the building of a confident and prosperous China attests to the wisdom of that decision. Sustaining this progress, however, will depend on China's own recognition that it is ultimately subject to the same rules and principles that apply everywhere else.

#### -Far Eastern Economic Review (Hong Kong). Nationalism in Norway

The Norwegian "no" vote to the European Union, and the campaign leading up to it, have brought to the surface long submerged myths of Norway's uniqueness and individualism. The motley coalition of parties and movements which opposed joining the EU managed to win this time hy appealing to such nationalis-tic mythology. It is to be hoped that Norway will not be led down the path of mythological nationalist isolationism. That danger remains, despite all the assurances of the country's international

solidarity and commitment to NATO. — Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).



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# Don't Blame UN Personnel for the Bosnia Failures

HONG KONG — The fashionable campaign of vitriolic abuse against Lieutenant General Michael Rose, particularly from American newspaper colimmists, politicians and diplomats, is hypocritical and absurd.

The columnist William Safire (IHT Opinion, Nov. 29) calls him "the reincarnation of Neville Chamberlain" and criticizes his "repugnance at 'war-making' when UN havens become war zones."

Such invective, widely whispered by Washington policymakers, deflects attention from the politicians who made the decisions that General Rose is forced to try to implement. It also tries once again to make "the United Nations" the whipping boy for the catastrophe of Bihac in particular, Bosnia in general.

Thus Mr. Safire writes that Bihac "has rendered the poseurs and pontificators of the United Nations helpless and con-temptible." And so? Well, he states that the United States can now reduce its contribution to the United Nations to about 10 percent of the UN budget, from the current 30 percent or so. How covenient. General Rose's predicament, like that of the entire UN mission in former Yugo-slavia, is not of his own making. It is the

result of deliberate decisions made by members of the Security Council, in par-ticular the United States, France, Britain and Russia, and imposed on the United Nations' peacekeepers.

General Rose's critics might ask with what he was supposed to "make" the war they call for. The badly named UN Protection Force in former Yugoslavia is armed very lightly — at best, for limited self-defense. The Bangladeshis By William Shawcross

in Bihac haven't even had enough rifles to go around. Moreover, as is ohvious at this very moment, UN forces have always been potential if not actual hos-

tages in Bosnia.
The West has never defined a political objective for former Yugoslavia. The country was dissolved on conflicting principles - that the borders of its for-

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mer republics would now be international borders, and secondly that the new states had the right of national self-determina-tion. This obvious conflict led to war and

the subsequent problems of the UN force. The goal of all political leaders in former Yugoslavia has been international recognition of new borders. So everything the UN force does plays into the hands of one or other of the parties. The UN force was established to pro-

tect the humanitarian relief programs run by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. It has undoubtedly saved hundreds of thousands of lives and alleviated much misery. But its second effect has been - as with so many relief operations -- to reinforce the war parties and extend the war.

To succeed in humanitarian operations. the UN force had to be seen as impartial, its armed force just the protective exten-

sion of the assistance operation. The "safe area" concept, established in Sccurity Council Resolutions 824 and 836,

made this almost impossible.

The disaster of Bihac is the result of the UN force trying both to threaten force in defense of the safe areas and to support humanitarian operations.

In June 1993, when Resolution 836 was being debated, senior UN officials warned members of the Security Council that the resolution would make the UN force the theoretical protector of one of the warring parties, the Bosnians. And yet it would not have the practical means to extend that protection.

The UN force said it would require an additional 32,000 troops to be able to protect the safe havens. Unlike the Golan Heights, where the UN forces are interposed between the parties, these areas were completely surrounded --- by Serbian forces. The request for such reinforcements was rejected out of hand by the cosponsors of the resolution.

Instead, governments gave themselves an excuse. If you look closely, Resolution 836 is a monumental exercise in hypocrisy. Members of the Security Council specifi-cally chose the words "to deter attacks" against the safe areas rather than "to defend" them, and "to promote withdrawal" rather than "to ensure or enforce" it.

In other words, the resolution means iar less than many Bosnians believed. That way, governments argued that the UN force did not really need to take on extra troops. Realistic, perhaps.

Yet now their officials abuse the UN force for failure to defend areas that they never were prepared to enable it to defend. That is not realism but dishonesty.

There were other problems. Except for Zepa and Srebrenica, the physical

boundaries of the safe areas were never drawn on the map.

And definitions differed. To the Serbs, the term "safe area" meant a demilitarized zone, as with Srebrenica, where the

Bosnians handed in their weapons as a condition for Serbian withdrawal, But Resolution 836 did not call for demilitarization of other safe areas. The Bosnians refused to give up their weap-ons — and, endangering their own civil-ians, have used Bihac and other safe areas as launching pads for attacks. Their lunge out of Bihac led to this most recent

Serbian counterattack. It seems evident that the present debacle has seriously damaged the United Nations and NATO. An early, aggressive response to the Serbian onslaught in 1991, as Margaret Thatcher urged, would almost certainly have been more effective than the shilly-shallying of all govern-ments. But it is absurd cant to blame today's debacle on the UN officials, high or low, who have risked their lives to try to carry out contradictory resolutions which

they were never given the means to fulfill.

American officials, and laptop generals in the press, are using General Rose and the United Nations as convenient whipping boys. It is an ignohle and crass diversion which prevents helpful lessons from being learned from the disaster.

The writer, author of "Sideshow: Kissinger, Nixon and the Destruction of Cambo-dia" and "The Shah's Last Ride," contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

# The Shame Began With George Bush's Decision to Do Nothing

BOSTON — Anyone who did
not grasp the meaning of
what is happening in Bosnia
need only have looked at the newspaper picture this week of a Bosnian government soldier taken prisoner by the Serbs at Bihac. They made him wear a fez, mocking his religion, as the Nazis made Jews wear a yellow star.

How did it happen that, 50 years after the Nazis, human beings are being humiliated and killed in Europe because of their religion? All of us in what we like to think of as the civilized West share the shame.

The crucial moment came after Yugoslavia began to split apart in 1991. Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia sent the federal army into Croatia, destroying Vukovar as totally as the Ro-mans did Carthage. What would the great Western alliance do about this menacing violation of Europe's peace?

President George Bush, the

leader of the alliance, made the decision: to do nothing. Why he was so craven remains a mystery. He had just come out of the Gulf War a hero, the man who said Iraq's aggression "will not stand" and acted on that vow.

The fall of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher may well have made the difference, She had goaded him to action against Iraq, sating, "Don't go all wobbly on us, George," Her successor, John Major, bad less spine.

In 1992 the Serbs began their onslaught on Bosnia, the first explicit religious-nationalist aggression in Europe since the Nazis. They drove 2 million Bosnians from their homes and killed hundreds of thousands. They burned villages and blew up mosques.

The Western alliance still responded with inaction. In fact it was worse than inaction. Western countries recognized Bosnia

By Anthony Lewis but then enforced an arms emhargo that denied it the means to defend itself.

Worse still — far worse — the West led the victims to believe that it would come to their rescue. That was only to be expected, the West having left them defenseless against a cruel aggression. But no gallant rescuers appeared.

Instead, NATO shucked the problem off to the United Nations. A UN Protection Force was sent to Bosnia to get relief to areas besieged by the Serbs. But the force became a plaything of the Serbs; it cringingly followed orders of Serbian commanders.

The UN force commander. Lieutenant General Michael Rose, is a symbol of the sellout. On television this week he spoke of the wonders he had done for Bosnia - among other things, saving Gorazde from Serhian as-

doing anything about Gorazde. And he has done little hat whimper in recent days as the Serbs have taken hundreds of his men

The one time the Serbs really hacked off was when the marketplace massacre in Sarajevo shamed the West into a meaningful threat of bombing. The Serbs believed it. After that, right through the Bihac disas-ter, General Rose and others blocked the use of meaningful air power.

The British and French were the hlockers, Britain especially; its performance in the destruction of Bosnia has brought back to life perfidious Albion.

The Clinton administration has done its part in the disaster, too. Its huffing and puffing prolonged the pretense that someone might actually rescue Bosnia - prolonged the agony. President Bill Clinton did not have

the will to lead the alliance to a genuine resistance against the Serbian aggression.

Now it is time for the charade to end. The West has only two honorable courses: (1) Get the UN force out, despite all the risk that entails for trapped Bosnians this winter, and undertake systematic bombing of Bosnian Serb military installations; or (2) tell the Bosmians that we are not going to lead them on anymore. they have to settle for what they can get, and we shall then help to make their rump country viable.

It is an appalling choice. But that is what has been left to the West hy the weakness that began with George Bush's deci-sion to do nothing.

This should have been dealt with two years ago," Margaret Thatcher said this week. That it was not may prove to be the undoing of much more than Bosnia.

The New York Times.

# If Nato Won't Save Bosnia, Why Would It Save Central Europeans?

WASHINGTON — A ques-don about NATO: If the house is hurning down, as appears to many to be the case after the alliance's humbling in Yugoslavia, then why are others from Central Europe still clam-

oring to get in? Because, of course, Central Europeans, sitting in a historically stressful neighborhood, do not have the luxury of ignoring that they must do whatever they can to improve their future security, even if the prospects at any given

moment do not look so rosy. They can see more clearly than Americans that one of the two large possibilities for the post-Cold War retooling of NATO keeping the peace and maintaining stability throughout Europe has been severely discredited in Yugoslavia.

Unfortunately, the other possihility, which is reinforcing demo-

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld cratic tendencies in Central Europe hy hringing new states into

the club of Atlantic democracies, has also been badly shaken. Consider that successive American administrations of different parties determined that the United States had no vital interest that required it to put ground troops into Bosnia in the relatively safe

role of peacekeepers. Then how could anyone expect a future administration to find a vital interest in putting troops into another state of the region in the event of tension or conflict? And, presumptively, against a much more potent counterweight,

Russia rather than Serhia? Let there be no confusion about this hypothetical, NATO membership means near automatic military aid when you are in trouble. If you are not guaran-

teed aid, you are not in the club. If you are not guaranteed aid, then an aggressor could always figure he might get away with crowding you or taking a free bite

- the definition of instability. This fact creates, in the present period of diminishing American overseas commitments, a wicked irony. If NATO were a less serious organization, then it might more casually add to its membership. But the certainty that adding a member equates with providing an ironclad security guarantee may now reduce the American taste for extending

membership.

The result is a political dilemma. If NATO finally is not going to offer new security guarantees, then the whole discussion about the terms of extending membership hecomes a cruel joke. It is a

path that no responsible state, either the provider or the recipient of a guarantee, would want to start down unless it knew at the beginning how it would come oul at the end.

This dilemma was latent before NATO's experience in Bosnia revealed for all to see the Western hesitation to make security commitments on new terrain.

Now the dilemma is real: for a year or more, and to this very day, NATO has been moving toward a position that, if the alliance is "successful," will bring it up against a wall. The West's dedication to integrating the new Europe and deepening the roots of Central European democracy eventually collides with its reluctance to provide new security guarantees.

In the glow of the collapse of the Berlin Wall, it was easy to succumh to a vision of a Europe moving ever more confidently into a pattern of mutual respect among democratic states, large and small. Yugoslavia woke most people up. Unfortunately, Eu-rope's ethnic and regional pulls are not confined to Yugoslavia

If NATO cannot succeed in tucking in other mature new states, then it becomes progressively harder to explain why there should he any more concern about NATO than there is about for instance, the Rio treaty.

The record of American and Western governments in Bosnia - hinting at deeds of rescue which were never, or never adequately, performed - makes candor about the future of NATO essential at this time.

Enlargement must be pursued

with open eyes. Its advocates have to make the best case that not just American sentimental interests hut American security interests are involved.

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Meanwhile, other paths must simultaneously be explored. These only begin with the alphabet soup of military/political organizations covering Europe. They go on to the incipient reappearance of a 19th century European political dialogue on a balance-of-power theme. They must fold in a new 20th century dialogue engaging America and Russia but avoiding reflexes of Cold War competitiveness and pushy nationalism.

It is hard and it will take time to huild a united Europe. The guiding word should be: no more deception of others or of yourself. The Washington Post.

#### What Does Europe Want?

When the Soviet Union began, the Berlin blockade in 1948, many in the United States did not believe that rescuing a recent enemy's ruined capital was in the American interest. But the blockade and the ensuing airlift helped force a larger question. NATO was founded in the following year. The Balkans war is the Berlin blockade of the post-Cold War era,

If Western Europe intends to assume a measure of responsibility for security in Eastern Europe, a role for the United States [can be] agined. When the question of NATO is posed in this way, the legitimacy of the Balkans war as a forcing of the question is obvious. Americans wonder what West-

ern Europe really wants.

Los Angeles Times.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1894: Slow Recovery

NEW YORK - Business men are made weary and discouraged by the slowness of the improvement in trade. The bankers are unable to lend money and are getting hlue. On the strength of the absorption of nearly sixty millions hy the Government loan. they tried to advance rates to 2 per cent., but failed. The Financial Chronicle says that Congress, by authorising a popular loan, could promote an industrial revival.

#### 1919: Fate of the Treaty

WASHINGTON - The opening session of Congress brought nothing forth to indicate the fate of the Peace Treaty. Both sides are up in the air, the Republicans taking the cue from the statement of Senator Lodge yesterday [Dec. 1] that the Treaty must be Americanised before it is ratified by the

Senate. Republicans hinted that if the situation has not been cleared up by the middle of the month they will bring up the Lodge resolution declaring war with Germany ended. The Republicans would be glad to have peace before the Christmas recess.

#### 1944: Nazi Rocket Plane LONDON - I From our New

York edition: Germany has two super-speed fighter planes operating over the western front, one of them the rocket propelled interceptor, ME-163, is capable of flying up to 600 miles an hour, Allied Air sources disclosed today [Dec. 2]. The other high-speed fighter is the jet-propelled, twin-engined ME-262, capable of flying from 450 to 500 miles an hour. Forty-one enemy ships of this type were destroyed recently hy American fighter planes in a strafing attack at Pipheim.

#### Not Much GATT Cheer in Brooklyn they're living such great lives at By Bob Herbert

NEW YORK — The Uru-guay Round GATT agree-ment will tear a large hole in the U.S. federal hudget. But this breach of the budget is not considered a major problem hy govemment leaders in Washington. because the new GATT agreement will be a bonanza for hig business. And that is something favored by Democrats and Republicans alike.

When benefits for working people or the poor are involved. the budget deficit is seen as an insurmountable problem. There is no money for investments in ordinary Americans. But the specter of \$42 hillion in lost tariff revenues over the next decade is met with a shrug hy the movers and shakers in Congress and the White House. As long as it's for business - well, then,

that's all right, Brownsville, a desolate and mostly forgotten neighborhood in Brooklyn, is light-years from Washington. Its residents will never be mistaken for the Champagne-drinking, limousine-riding lobhyists who have been swarming all over Capitol Hill in a gaudy display of corporate muscle on behalf of GATT.

Senate testimony last spring hy Anne Kohler, who runs a soup kitchen in a tiny storefront that once housed a bakery: "Our clients consist of the working poor, single mothers with children, long-term unem-

A glimpse of this crippled

neighborhood was provided in

hlue-collar work force, where many jobs have disappeared), married families with children, senior citizens, the mentally ill, the disabled and the handicapped; some are illiterate; some are college-educated. Some are chemically dependent, and some worked all of their lives only to find that in old age the safety net has begun

to crumble beneath their feet." What these soup kitchen clients have in common is an economic predicament so dire that they cannot be sure from one day to the next that they will eat. This is not easily understood by congressmen, senators and presidents who have trouble buttoning their jackets over their ample midsectious. Hun-

ger is alien to them. Ms. Kohler's soup kitchen is called Neighbors Together and is the second-largest in Brooklyn. It serves a simple lunch (canned meat, a starch, canned vegetables) to 500 people a day, five days a week.

"I think most people are un-

aware of the tremeudous poverty that exists in this country," said Ms. Kohler during an interview last Monday. "I see the suffering in the eyes of these people. Some of them are frail and old. There are women who are retarded. They can't work. I get sick to my stomach when I hear the stereotypes about ployed single men (part of the how lazy the poor are, how

the taxpayers' expense."

One evening she took a boy from a desperately poor family home to spend the night with ber and ber husband in a different part of Brooklyn. "I told him he could sleep on the sofabed, or on a makeshift bed on the floor, beside our bed." A stricken look crossed the boy's face. "Do you have mice?" he asked. GATT is about power, mon-

ey and influence. Brownsville is

about survival. Some of the very

same government officials who have gone to the mat for GATT are also trying to cut the food stamp allotments of the poor. If there is equity in that kind of governing — not to mention a sense of humanity — Ms. Kohler has been unable to find it. "Food stamps!" she cried, her eyes angry. "Can you be-lieve they want to cut food

stamps? A monthly allotment of food stamps provides about 88 cents per meal. I'll take you shopping and you see if you can huy a meal for 88 cents. Now they're going to give them less?" The fine restaurants of the nation's capital were heavily booked for Thursday night as corporate representatives prepared to celebrate the Uruguay Round's final passage. If the

ter and triumphant appiause. the kind of exuberance that accompanies a sudden acceleration of wealth and worth. The New York Times

Senate gave the thumbs up,

there would be toasts and laugh-

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# Seoul, in Shift, Backs Samsung's Automaking Plan

SEOUL - Marking n milestone in the deregulation of South Korea's domestic markets, the government signaled Friday that it would allow the Samsung group, South Korea's most powerful conglomerate, to enter the automobile busi-

Although Samsung has had the legal authority to enter the automobile assembly business since the late 1980s, the government had blocked its application since last year because of opposition from rival automakers and Trade Ministry offi-

Samsung's plans remain sketchy, but analysts said it intended to concentrate oo exports. That is likely to annoy foreign automakers, which despite vociferous complaints and modest market-opening responses, remain largely excluded from the South Korean market, Asia's second biggest. Cars made in Japan are banned.

Samsung's entry also would augment, if not accelerate plans of other South Korean automakers to invest hillions of dollars through the rest of the decade to increase production capacity to 5 million units, of which 60 percent would be

South Korean exports are targeted mainly at developing countries, where there is strong demand for inexpensive cars. But companies are also investing in new models and dealer networks in the United States and Europe.

They feared that more competition would undermine an industry seen as key to South Korea's economic prosperity. That concern was heightened by Samsung's aborted attempt to take over Kia Motors Corp., the only nonconglomerate

among South Korea's automakers. Government officials also were worried about a public backlash over aiding the expansion of Samsung, the biggest of

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# **Bond Rally Sends Stocks Higher**

Japanese Economy Spurts

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TOKYO - Japan's economy expanded 0.9 percent in the July-

The 3.7 percent annual rate growth reflected increases in capital

September quarter, the government said Friday, in a new sign that

the world's second-largest economy may be getting back on track.

to a one-year income tax cut in June as well as a summer heat

wave. The record heat triggered a surge in spending on everything

Mr. Tanaka said corporate capital spending rose 0.5 percent in

He said it remained difficult to predict how strongly the

the quarter, the first increase in three years. It fell 2.1 percent in

Friday, and hlue-chips soared, on the back of a sharp drop in

"No doubt this economy is going to be rolling along for the next couple years," said James Fay, a money manager at Freedom Investors Corp. in Pewaukee, Wisconsin, which manages the Frontier Equity fund. "We're going to see record corporate profit growth occur-

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 44.75 points, at 3,745.62. Advancing issues on the Big Board outnumbered decliners by 13-to-8 on moderate trading.

The bond market reacted joyously to marked drops in commodity prices and a government report showing a 2-cent drop in the average hourly wage and a shorter workweek.

investment and consumer spending as well as continued expansion in housing investment, the Economic Planning Agency said. It followed a revised 0.2 percent increase in the previous quarter, The price of the benchmark leading the agency to predict a "full-scale recovery" hy March.

Private economists were more cautious, saying the fast pace of 30-year Treasury bond closed up 1 5/32, at 95 11/32, in New expansion may not last and that structural drags on the economy. York, reducing the yield to 7.91 percent from 8.02 Thursday. including mountains of bad debt, could dampen recovery. Tsutomu Tanaka, a planning agency vice president, said consumer spending grew 1.1 percent during the latest quarter, thanks

The Labor Department report also fueled optimism about the economy by showing that 350,000 jobs were added last month and that the unemployment rate fell to a four-year low of 5.6 percent, exceeding most analysts' projections.

Stocks also cheered the report, which found no sign of imminent inflation despite a four-year low in the unemploy-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupatcher ment rate. Traders said com-NEW YORK — Stocks rose puterized trading led the ad-hurt utilities by making their vance, kicking in in early afternoon to drive up blue-chip indices ever higher until the

> "The economy doesn't appear to be grinding down to a halt," said Alan Ackerman, market analyst at Reich & Co., "and that's good for the earnings outlook

from beer to beach wear.

dividends less attractive and raising their borrowing costs.

"If you're looking at a leveling off of interest rates, it's O.K. to play in utilities," said Bill Langevin, manager of institutional trading at Morgan Keegan Inc. in Memphis, Tennes-

The Dow Jones ntilities aver-Shares of electric utility companies rose amid speculation that interest rates would not 26%, and Consolidated Edison

Co. of New York rose 1/2 to 25%. Wal-Mart was the most heavily traded stock, closing unchanged, as retailing stocks remain in the spotlight as the hohday shopping season gets

under way. Computer stocks were mixed, with Compaq rising 1%, to 39%, Dell up 1%, to 41%, and Sun Microsystems jumping 1 13/16 to 32 13/16. But Intel slipped 1/16, to 62 9/16. Dell was recovering from the sharp drop it suffered Thursday when CS First Boston downgraded the stock over concerns about defects in Intel's new Pentium

chips.
In software offerings, Lotus rose 1/4, to 44%, but Microsoft fell 5/16. IQ Software Corp. skidded 444, to 11% after it said third-quarter earnings fell to 17 cents a share, from 19 cents a vear earlier.

Chrysler rose ¼, to 48½, after it said it would increase its dividend 60 percent, launch a \$1 billion stock huyback program and relaxed shareholder rights in response to demands by the investor Kirk Kerkorian, wbo

owns 9 percent of the company. ITT Corp. rallied 3%, to 80%. PaineWebber Inc. rated the conglomerate, whose businesses include insurance, anto parts and paper and forest products, "buy.

Best Buy rose 1/8 to 3314, recovering from a plunge of 11% Japanese economy would grow, noting that the yen's strength and on Thursday, when the electhe pace of growth in spending by companies, known as capital outlays, must both be watched. (AP, AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters) See STOCKS, Page 10

# Merrill Lynch to Bail Out Orange County on Derivatives Loss

By Lawrence Malkin ional Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Merrill Lynch & Co. announced Friday that it was lending Orange Couoty, California, about \$2 billion to belp it ride out its losses from one of the biggest U.S. derivative deals to go sour so far.

Merrill Lyncb ooted that it had been dealing with Orange County for 20 years and that the county had a \$2.5 billion line of credit. The current loan, designed to permit the county to weather its unprofitable investment in derivatives, will be secured by investmeot-grade securities. Merrill Lynch said.

Lyncb does oot anticipate any losses on the deal, called for increased scrutiny of derivatives reguits officials said.

Robert L. Citron, treasurer of the county south of Los Angeles, announced Thursday that the investment fund be managed for the county and for many towns and public agencies in California had lost about 20 percent of its \$7.5 billion face value because of rising interest rates.

Mr. Citroo was known for the aggressive strategy be employed by borrowing money to buy securities whose value is derived from underlying stocks, bonds and mortgages. These derivatives have been hit bard by rising interest rates, causing buge corporate losses.

The county will pay the interest, and Merrill Senate Banking Committee chairman, on Friday state governments used derivatives.

lation and said he would hold hearings on the matter, Reuters reported.

Commission as saying the SEC was "looking into" Orange County's brokerage transactions.]

Betsy Dotson, assistant director of federal liaison at the Government Finance Officers' Asrent information available about state and local fornia and \$12 billion in borrowed funds. government use of derivatives. But she said she doubted that it was widespread.

A General Accounting Office study said that [Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, the incoming in 1992 only 4 percent of local and 17 percent of

Earlier, Leslie Wayne of The New York Times reported:

Orange County is one of bundreds of munici-[Separately, Bloomberg Business News quoted palities, mutual funds, colleges and corporations tichard Roberts of the Securities and Exchange that tried to increase their investment returns by that tried to increase their investment returns by buying securities that were, in effect, high-risk bets on the direction of interest rates.

The \$20 billioo Orange County fund included about \$8 billioo in reserve money for future sociatioo in Washington, said there was oo curneeds from more than 180 municipalities in Cali-

Mr. Citron took about \$8 billion in the money of these municipalities, borrowed \$12 billion more and used it to buy a wide variety of securities that go by the name of floating-rate deriva-tives and reverse repurchase agreements.

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# Blue Collars Become Scarce

By Sylvia Nasar New York Times Service

EW YORK - By all accounts, Americans are more overworked than ever. Unemployment has dipped below 6 percent, overtime is at a record high, and many workers are holding down more than one job. So why are so many men - healthy men in the prime of

life - working less than ever before? Even as the powerful American job machine has churned out tens of millions of new jobs in the last two decades, recent studies disclose that men older than college age and younger than the usual retirement age of the early to mid-60s are working much less than men did I0 or 20 years ago. A rising proportion are neither working nor looking for work.

The most stunning change is the shrinking share of men who serve as traditional bread-winners — the male who works full time, year-round, year in and year out-Among young and middle-aged men, the

percentage performing that basic family role has dropped sharply. In the 1970s almost 80 percent of men from 22 to 58 worked full time

for at least eight of the IO years.

But during the 1980s, that proportion dropped to 70 percent.

Men's experience stands in sharp contrast to that of women, who are working more and at higher pay.

As America's economy increasingly focuses on advanced services and high technology, the growth in jobs that blue-collar men tradi-tionally held has not kept up with the growth in the working-age population.
Adjusted for inflation, the wages and bene-

fits such men can command have plunged by as much as one-fifth since the late 1970s.

The result? These men are not, as popular wisdom would have it, generally working more to make up the lost pay. Instead, as the rewards of working have shrunk, most are "It's the Achilles' heel in the American joh

success story," said Richard Freeman, a labor economist at Harvard and editor of a book of articles, "Working Under Different Rules." The decline in work among men has worrisome implications.

All too often, the only available alternatives to steady, full-time work are off-the-books employment or even crime. The young and poorly educated, — the same demographic group that is working less and whose opportunities and pay have contracted — is the group most likely to get into serious

Indeed, the number of men in prison, on parole or on probation now exceeds the number counted as unemployed. In 1993, according to government data, there were 4.6 million adult men under such state supervision, compared with 4.2 million looking for work.

"The equivalent of the long-term European unemployed who are on the dole is the U.S. prison population," Mr. Freeman said. "They give them welfare and we put them in prison with free housing, food and TV. We haven't

escaped the problem." The decline of work among men is not limited to the United States. European men are working less, too. In contrast to the European situation, how-

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# Iberia Pilots Will Renew

Negotiations

MADRID—Pilots employed by Iberia, Spain's national airline, will renew negotiations with management Monday on a costcotting plan aimed at averting the carrier's bankruptcy and paving the way for a \$1 billion

government bailout. The pilots met for four hours Friday to decide whether to join the accord reached Monday with most of Iberia's employees. The agreement, which end-ed a wildcat strike Monday, calls for cutting as many as 3,500 jobs and slashing salaries by between 3 percent and 15

The pilots halked at the package Thursday, prompting the airline to threaten to proceed with an emergency plan that would mean laying off 20 per-cent of the work force and selling the flag carrier's more at-

But on Friday, a representa-tive of the pilots' union insisted the talks had never broken off. Iberia needs the support of all its workers for its viability plan before it can seek the European

Commission's authorization for a \$1 billion government bailout. Javier Salas, the chairman of Iberia, said he had no idea what the pilots would seek to negotiate. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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#### MARKET DIARY

# **Dollar Gets Rise Out of Jobs Data**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar rose against other major currenone-day gain against the yen in cent in Japan. three months after a governeconomy growing strongly with low inflation.

The catalyst for the rally was the government's employment report for November, which

#### Foreign Exchange

showed the lowest jobless rate in more than four years, at 5.6 percent, and the largest number of jobs created in five months.

Avinash Persaud, head of currency research at J. P. Morgan, called the drop in the unemployment rate "genuinely startling."

The robust report, like others this week, confirmed investors' perceptions that the U.S. economy was growing strongly enough to force the Federal Reserve Board to raise rates to stop inflation before it got a foothold in the economy.

"This report is positive for the dollar," said Earl Johnson, foreign-exchange adviser at Harris Trust & Savings Bank in Chicago. "The Fed has plenty

of reason to raise rates." The dollar closed in New York at 100.605 yen, up from 99.345 yen Thursday, and at 1.5800 Deutsche marks, up from 1.5735. The dollar rose to 1.3337 Swiss francs from 1.3295

ing, it is becoming more expen-sive for traders to bet against (Block

the dollar by huying yen. Two-year interest rates in the United States stood at 7.43 percent Fricies Friday, posting its higgest day, compared with 2.86 per-

Some analysts said the interment report showed the U.S. est rate differentials could swing further to the dollar's favor as soon as Dec. 20, when the Fed's policy-making Open Market Committee next meets.

"All the red lights go on at the Fed when the unemployment rate gets this low," said Paul Farrell, manager of strategic currency trading at Chase Manhattan Bank. We might see a rate increase as soon as this month.

Strength in the Treasury bond market also helped the dollar gain.

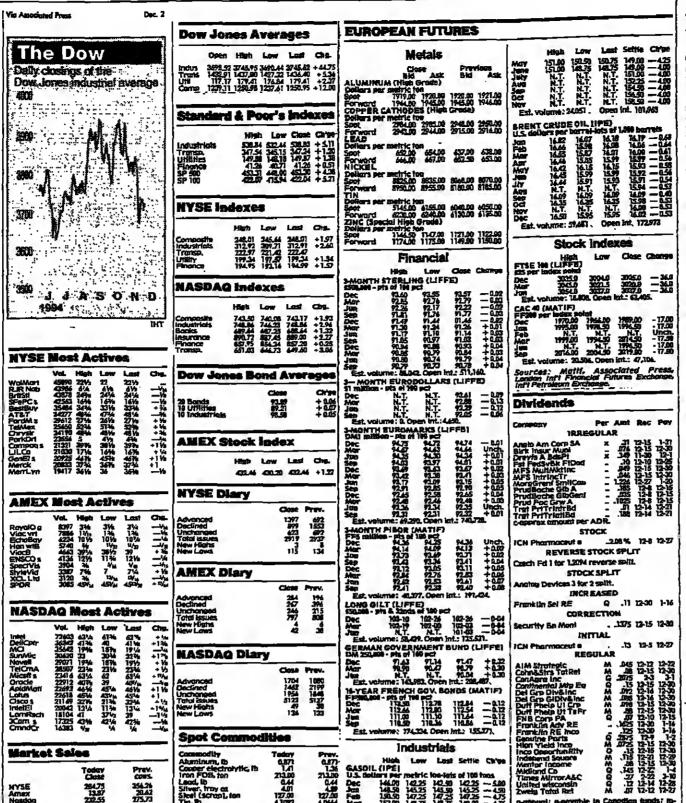
Before Friday, bond prices had spent most of the week slumping, while the dollar remained on relatively firm footing. That made the turnaround in bond prices Friday all the more reason to buy dollars, analysts said.

"As people get more confi-dent about the Fed, they get more confident with holding U.S. assets," said Michael Faust international portfolio manager at Bailard, Biehl & Kaiser in San Mateo, California.

But some analysts said the dollar was destined to rise regardless of the performance of other U.S. markets.

The dollar's decoupled from the performance of the domestic U.S. asset market." said John Nelson, managing direcfrancs and to 5.4210 French tor of global foreign exchange francs from 5.3930 francs. The at Barclays Bank. "It's now pound weakened to \$1.5610 much more sensitive to growth and higher interest rates than to With U.S. interest rates ris- flows of capital in and out of

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)



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# Motorola Wants to Buy a DEC Plant

PARIS (Bloomberg) - Motorola Inc., looking to increase its chip manufacturing capacity, is in talks to buy Digital Equipment Corp.'s semiconductor plant in South Queensferry, Scotland, a Motorola spokesman said Friday.

Digital, the third-largest U.S. computer maker, has incurred substantial losses in each of the last four years. The sale would be part of a sweeping restructuring designed to transform it into a smaller company focused on fewer markets. Analysts said Digital could get from \$200 million to \$300 million from the sale.

# GM to Pay \$51 Million in Truck Case

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) - The government agreed Friday to suspend its investigation of General Motors Co.
pickup trucks, accepting a deal in which GM will spend more than

\$51 million on safety and research programs.

Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña described the deal as "a common sense outcome and a victory for safety and saving lives." The decision means GM no longer faces a forced recall of roughly five million pickups, which were sold from 1973 to 1987 as Chevrolets and GMCs. Safety advocates said they presented an unreasonable risk of fire in side-impact collisions because their fueltanks were mounted outside the vehicle frame. (Bloomberg, AP)

#### Union Pacific Alters Santa Fe Offer

BETHLEHEM, Pennsylvania (Bloomberg) — Union Pacific Corp. on Friday amended its tender offer for Santa Fe Pacific Corp. to reflect Santa Fe's plan to thwart a hostile takeover.

Union Pacific said its new offer for 57 percent of Santa Fe's shares at \$17.50 each in cash included the condition that Santa Fe either redeem the rights in the takeover defense or desired.

either redeem the rights in its takeover defense or declare the rights unenforceable. Santa Fe adopted the shareholder-rights plan Tuesday to avert a hostile takeover.

#### New Gasoline Will Dent Sun's Profit

NEW YORK (AP) — Sun Co. said Friday that fourth-quarter operating income would drop about 80 percent, partly because gasoline prices have not kept up with the higher costs of making

reformulated gasoline.

Sun said its income from operations in the quarter would be \$10 million, down from \$55 million a year earlier. Operating income is profit before taxes, interest payments and other expenses not directly related to the cost of doing business.

The reformulated gasoline, mandated by the U.S. government to decrease smog, costs more to refine. Sun said it had not been able to raise prices to recover the expense.

#### Conseco to Sell Its Stake in Insurer

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Conseco Inc. said Friday it would sell its 40 percent equity stake in Western National Corp. to American General Corp. for approximately \$274, or \$11 for each of the insurer's shares.

Conseco said it expected to recognize a "modest" after-tax net gain on the sale, which is subject to regulatory approval. The insurance company said the proceeds would be available for general corporate purposes, including repurchases of Conseco common stock,

#### For the Record

RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. said Friday that it would delay until January a \$1.1 billion public offering of Nabisco shares.

#### STOCKS: Bonds Set Off a Rally

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said its third-quarter earnings would be below analysts' expec-A competitor of Best Buy,

Circuit City, rose 11/4 to 231/4 U.S. Stocks

after it said its earnings should exceed expectations. General Electric rose 14 to 46% after its Kidder, Peabody unit sold about \$700 million worth of mortgage-hacked securities to Bear Stearns in preparation for the sale of Kidder to

PaineWebber. Merck rose 1 to 37% after the

Arrow International Inc. gained 1 to 281/2. The medical supplies maker said it expects profits of \$7 million, on sales of \$47.5 million, for the quarter

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of the drug Prilosec for the longtronics and appliance retailer term prevention of a common disease that causes heartburn. Prilosec was developed by Astra Merck Inc., a joint venture between Merck and Astra AB.

> that ended last month. AutoImmune Inc. gained 11/16, to 5 15/16, following a report that Eli Lilly & Co. had agreed to invest up to \$40 mil-

### SAMSUNG: In Shift, Seoul Backs Company's Plan to Enter Car Market it is likely to be several years before Samsung becomes a seri-

#### Continued from Page 9 the nation's chaebol, or conglomerates. The chaebol, run hy families who exercise nearly ab-

solute control, dominate the country's economic landscape. But these concerns have enhanced the strength of the country's antomakers. Perhaps lion in the company's technique Young Sam concluded that Motor Co. of Japan.

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waned as an export boom has Officials refused to give the on the auto industry. most importantly, however, of- plementation of an agreement growth of the yen. ficials close to President Kim reached in April with Nissan

cry over allowing the country's pected to approve the import of ing in the automobile industry.

Other automakers expressed Samsung's application to en-shock over the government's ter the automobile industry had shift, suggesting that the move been blocked on a technicality. would have a negative impact

Analysts said Samsung. which began producing trucks its presence in heavy industry.

The group's interests range from semiconductors to hotels to life insurance, and profits from one sector are likely to be used to subsidize initial investments in automobiles.

Although Samsung is South producer of memory chips, it

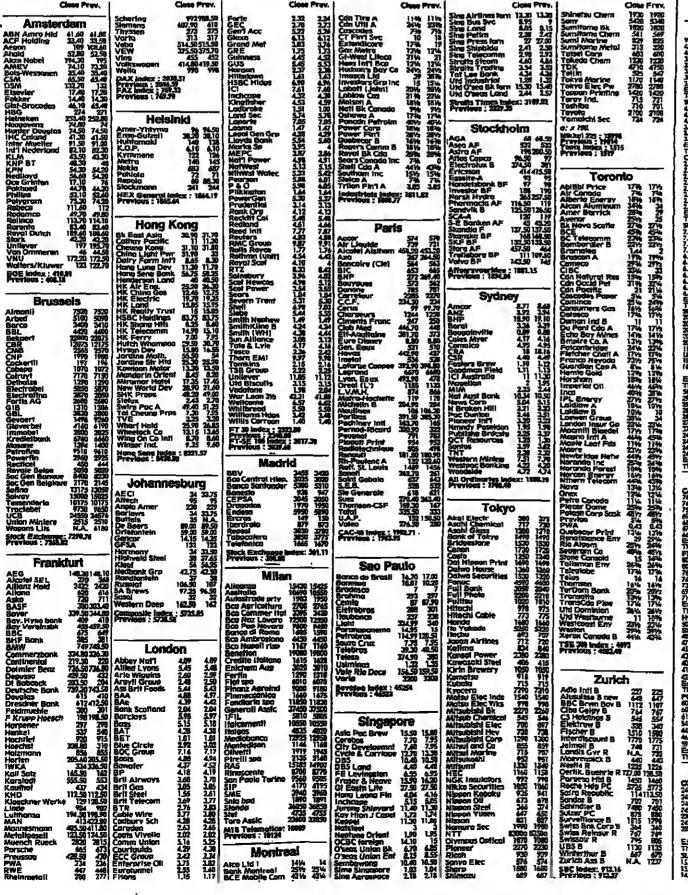
ous threat to its rivals. In addition to acquiring technology, it must develop dealer networks and establish a brand image. "Samsung has the financial

and organizational capability to implement their plans," said an analyst who asked not to be identified. "But you don't becompany permission to import The industry has boomed this Korea's leading electronics come a global competitor in technology, thus blocking impear, due primarily to the maker and the world's higgest automobiles in just a few years, although with any new entrant, has put a priority on bolstering existing players will be pres-its presence in heavy industry, sured."

billion won (\$820 million) next year to produce passenger cars: as early as 1997. The sum would be part of a \$5. billion investment that would eventually give the company capacity to produce 1.5 million cars per year, Reuters reported.

Even as Samsung expands production, however, the domestic market will gradually become more competitive. Imports, which now make up less than 5 percent of the market, are likely to expand as tariffs

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# \*Browning-Ferris Wins Struggle for Attwoods

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LONDON — Browning-Ferris Industries Inc. said its acrimonious 11-week battle for control of Attwoods PLC ended victoriously Friday when a majority of investors accepted its £391 million (\$613 million) takeover bid.

As the deadline on the offer passed Friday

afternoon, Browning-Ferris said it had received acceptances representing 56 percent of Attwoods' ordinary shares.

Browning-Ferris, the second-largest waste management company in the world, made a cash offer on Nov. 17 of 116.75 pence a share and a final dividend of 3.25 pence. That offer was 7 percent higher than BFI's original offer on Sept.
9 of 109 pence a share.
Attwoods said the increased offer was "mea-

ger" and urged sbareholders to block BFI's attempt to acquire the company "on the cheap." Ve are clearly disappointed by the outcome of the hid," Ken Foreman, chief executive of

A last-minute hid for Attwoods from Ikotek

Waste Recycling Corp. of Toronto came too late to slow BFT's progress.

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Ikotek made a conditional offer that topped Browning-Ferris's by 11 percent. Ikotek said it would give 130 pence a share, but only if share-holders allowed the BFI hid to lapse.

What we saw today was a bit of excitement, hut it didn't have any substance to it," said Philip Angell, assistant to the chairman of Browning-Ferris, William Ruckelshaus.

Attwoods has operations in Britain, continental Europe and the eastern United States. Its U.S. husiness concentrates on solid waste disposal and medical waste services.

Analysts called the deal beneficial for BFI. BFI has got a very good deal for itself," said Robert Miller-Bakewell, an analyst at NatWest Capital Markets. "It has got a very strong posi-tion now in the U.K. solid-waste industry. In the U.S., it has significantly strengthened its position down the Eastern Seaboard and in Florida."

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

#### Agnelli Firm Reports Pact With GFT SpA

Bloomberg Business News MILAN - The bolding

company Gemina SpA said Friday it had reached an accord with creditor hanks of GFT SpA to buy control of the Italian textile group.

Gemina, controlled by the Agnelli family, said it would pay as much as 104.5 billion lire (\$65 million) for GFT equity warrants held by banks and inject 60 bil-lion lire into the company.

The banks will still hold a stake and reschedule GFT's 434 billion lire debt. Gemina said.

# **RJB Mining Acquires Bulk** Of British Coal's Mines

LONDON - RJB Mining PLC said Friday it would pay £815 million (\$1.3 hillion) to huy the higgest chunk of mines offered in the British government's privatization of British Coal Corp. RJB, a mining company based in Doncaster, South Yorkshire,

agreed with the government to acquire all the operating British Coal mines in England, which produced 31 million tons last year. The acquisioon would make RJB the largest coal-mining company in Britain, where coal production was dominated by the state-run monopoly for almost 50 years.

British Coal, once one of the world's major coal producers, is being sold by the government after decades of declining demand for coal and growing use of other power sources.

RJB's move is a bet that coal demand and prices will remain strong after 1998, when British Coal's contract with the country's electricity producers expires.

RJB said it would sell about £400 million of new stock to help finance the purchase of the 15 operating mines and 16 open-cast pits. The rest of the cash oeeded, which RJB estimates will be £494 million, will be raised through Barclays Bank Ltd.

# In Norway's 'No,' Free-Trade Area Gets a Reprieve

ans," he said. "After all. the EEA covers 60 percent of the

economic nes with Brussels."

zerland rejected member-

ship in the European Eco-

nomie Area, which leaves

only leeland, Liechtenstein

and Norway in the group.

While admitting that the EEA is currently in limbo as

an economie grouping, offi-cials say the EFTA ministe-

rial meeting will try to define

a new starting point for both

said Mr. Landquist. "It is no coincidence that the EFTA

ministers' meeting is always

scheduled right after the EU

summit, in this case the Es-

sen conference on Dec. 9.

Future relationships with

the East European countries

will be a central discussion

point in Essen, but we don't

expect solid commitments at

Countries such as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Re-

public might choose what Mr. Landquist called a

"partnership for prosperity" through the EEA.

membership in the Europe-an Economic Area is mem-

bership in EFTA. In the past

year, the Baltic states, Slove-

nia and other East European

countries have shown some

interest in EFTA, but only

as a temporary alternative

before membership in the

European Union.

One requirement for

The key is in Brussels."

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In December 1992, Swit-

By Robert L. Kroon Special to the Herold Tribune

GENEVA - Norway's rejection of European Union membership was a stay of execution for EFTA, the European Free Trade Association, which was founded more than 30 years ago as a counterpart to the Common Markel

Had Norway followed the example of Sweden in the referendum on EU member-ship last week, the meeting of EFTA ministers in Geneva on Dec. 12 would have amounted to "our burial ceremony," said Ake Landquist, a spokesman for EFTA, which was created in 1960 by Austria, Britain, Portugal, the Scandinavian countries and Switzerland.

"A free-trade group reduced to Switzerland, Liech-tenstein and Iceland would no longer have made much sense," he added.

Even with the Norwegians

on board, EFTA will shrink from a market of 32 million people to 11 million on Jan. , when Austria, Finland and Sweden quit to join the EU. But Mr. Landquist foresees a new role for EFTA: as a balfway house for Central Enropean countries and the Baltie states seeking EU membership.

"EFTA and the concomitant European Economie Area could be a useful prep school for the East EuropeIn Spain for Pearson

> said Friday its Financial Times Group unit had paid £153 million (\$239 million) for a further 10 percent stake in Spain's privately owned Recoletos Cia. Editorial, giving it majority

Pearson said the purchase, from Grupo Correo de Comunicación, would bring Pearson's total shareholding in Recoletos to 56.7 percent, making it a fully consolidated Pearson subsidiary Grupo Correo will retain an 8.5 percent stake in Recoletos.

"We have developed an excellent working relationship with Recoletos over the past seven years." Frank Barlow, managing director of Pearson, said in a statement.

Pearson group."

pers distributed in Madrid.

have agreed to retain 34.8 percent of the equity.

The founding shareholders

Recoletos had net earnings of £15.3 million in 1993.

Pearson said it saw opportunities for increased cooperation between Recoletos and other

# **New Stake**

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They have built one of the

leading media groups in Spain, and we look forward to continuing to do all we can to promote their further success and profitable growth as part of the

Recoletos publishes the Spanish business and financial daily L'Expansion as well as a daily sports paper, women's magazines, a medical newspaper and a series of free newspa-

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(AFX, Bloomberg)

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#### Very briefly:

· Alcatel CIT SA's chairman. Pierre Guichet, was released from ail. He has been harred from meeting with employees of France Telecom or any of the Alcatel companies.

· Saab Automobile AB, of which General Motors Corp. owns half. sold 2,068 cars in the United States in November, an increase of 17 percent from a year ago. For the period from January to November, Saab's U.S. sales rose 19 percent.

Russia's monthly consumer-price inflation slowed to 14.1 percent in November from 15.1 percent in October.

Vendôme Luxury Group PLC, a maker of luxury consumer goods, said first-half pretax profit rose 21 percent, to £105.7 million (\$165 million). Revenue rose 17 percent, to £605 million. · Allied Domecq PLC said it had completed the sale of its Lyons Seafoods business to the unit's management.

• European Commission officials said they expected demand for Japanese cars in the European Union to rise next year.

Ciba-Geigy AG said it had signed an agreement with three Chinese partners to develop and market a oew drug to combat AFP, AFX, AP, Bloomberg, Reugers

# **Eurotunnel Shareholders Seek Aid From Paris**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS - Small investors in Eurotunnel SA face a crisis that could dilute their holdings, the bead of the Eurotunnel shareholders' association said Friday, and be called on the French government to provide "spectacular" belp.

The association president, Christian Cambier, said the best solution would be a Dillion franc (\$744 million) injection into Eurotunnel to belp it overcome its cash problems. In return, he said, the state could take a symbolic share of the equity.

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Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Pre-

He said the government should intervene through the national railway compaoy, Societé National des Chemins de Fer. If Paris does not take action, be said,

small shareholders will be "flattened" in the same way as occurred in the restructuring of Euro Disney SCA. Holdings of initial investors in that company, which runs the amusement park near Paris that is struggling despite massive injections of cash from big shareholders, bave been

"The state will oot be able to avoid a

spectacular measure to help Eurotunnel's cash flow to get through a difficult period in the middle of 1995," Mr. Cambier said. Eurotunnel said earlier Friday that fi-

nancial institutions had given it a fourmooth extension on the exercise of an extra credit of £50 million (\$78 million). Morgan Grenfell & Co. and S.G. Warburg & Co. issued the extension, which runs through March, the company said.

"Eurotunnel does oot yet know whether or not it will need this money," a Eurotun-nel spokesman said. (AFP, AFX) nel spokesman said.

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ever, the decline io men at work in America does not appear to who bave been caused by welfare age. paymeots, ucemploymeot checks or disability payments that are so generous they tend to discourage employment, researchers say.

Such alternatives to a paycheck have, if anything, become result of lower pay and fewer plenty of jobs for blue-collar jobs less educated men bave long filled.

By and large, the rise of a sizable nonworking class along with an even larger group of prime-age men who are frequently unemployed, work part time or do temporary work — is concentrated among academic underachievers.

There's been a huge decline in work for prime-age men," said Lawrence Katz, a labor economist at Harvard and the former chief economist of the

concentrated among the non-white, less educated and men whose pay is below the aver-

1970s. Instead, the drop is a and services no longer provide

Most of the new jobs for people with less education and experience are what many would consider "women's work" elerical, sales and service.

A study by the management consulting firm McKinsey & Co. found that in the 1980s the U.S. economy created 27 clerical, sales and service jobs and eliminated 16 production, transportation or manual-labor jobs for every 1.000 working-

age Americans. Women with relatively little

# EMPLOYMENT: Men Are Working Less in Changing U.S. Job Market

So what's going on? Think of these men as the counterparts of the farmers who left the country for the big cities, starting at the turn of the century and stretching well into the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. What leaner and barder to get in the makes this transition so much United States since the early more traumatic is that factories

Labor Department, "and it's education and low pay have not men with less than a high school experienced the same sharp pay education, who comprise 15 declines as meo. And they are actually working more, not less. But men, with rare excep-

> these growth sectors. It is not just that such work generally pays less or that it may require greater skill with oumbers and words - meo often simply are loath to take socalled pink-collar jobs, and employers equally unwilling to

A recent study by Stephen sion for Employment Policy, a

hire them.

percent of the male work force. worked full time for eight of the 10 years. In the 1980s, that figtions, have oot joined women in ure fell to 51 percent.

The deterioration for black men was similarly startling. For that group, the proportion of "hard-core employed" dropped from 73 percent in the 1970s to percent in the 1980s. Few economists are ready to

say the decline in wages at the bottom of the pay scale is over or that men will not continue to

Chinhua Juhn, an economist government study group in at the University of Houston Washington, tracked the ca- and the author of two studies reers of a large number of on the topic said, "I don't see prime-age men through the much that indicates that tech-1970s and 1980s. much that indicates that tech-nology is going to shift back in 970s and 1980s. nology is going to shift back in In the 1970s, 68 percent of favor of less skilled people."

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# \*China Stocks Fall In Hong Kong On Credit Pinch

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG - Chinese stocks plunged in Hong Kong on Friday after Beijing vowed to maintain tight credit, which is bad news for state-run enter-

prises looking to grow.

The Hang Seng China Enterprise Index of state-owned Chinese companies closed with a loss of 55.58 points, or 4.9 percent, to 1,079.21, bringing the week's decline to 11 percent. It had fallen as low as 1,067.60.

"On the macro level, investors are worrying about a tight-ening of credit," said Lawrence Lo, a China equity analyst at Smith New Court Far East.

All 13 Chinese state enterprises listed on the exchange fell. Guangzhou Shipyard was among the worst hit, tumbling 8 percent, to 3.175 Hong Kong dollars (40 cents). "I've been detecting worsen-

ing investor concerns about China, and this is another piece of news to add to these concerns," said an economist in Hong Kong who asked not to be identified.

After a four-day economie policy session that ended Thursday in Beijing, Chinese leaders pledged to keep credit tight to control inflation. Consumer prices rose 27.7 percent year-on-year last month.

On Friday, the Chinese government forecast 11 percent growth this year but warned of more high inflation in 1995 as income gaps widen, law and order deteriorates, and ailing state industries await reform.

Chinese newspaper reports Friday did not give any new target for reducing inflation, now running at more than 20 percent. Analysts said it was possible that officials did not want to set targets that might not be met, or that they could not agree on new ones.

China's leaders already had announced that controlling inflation and reforming failing state enterprises would be top goals for the new year.

An editorial in the Commuwist Party newspaper People's Daily called on party committees and governments at all levcls to "safeguard the authority" of national economic policies and actually implement them. ..

The paper carried a fronton the economic meeting,

HONG KONG - ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. said Friday it would buy a 5 percent stake in the share offering of Harbin Power Equipment Ltd., China's largest supplier of equipment for power plants.

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China Stake

Harbin Power is set to issue about 72 million shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exebange at 2.58 Hong Kong dollars (33 U.S. cents) a share.

The company will issue 363 million shares in a private placement.

S.G. Warburg Securities (Far East) Ltd., global coordinator of the sale, said the private placement had been 10 times oversubscribed.

which appeared to reflect a cautious compromise of the differ-ent opinions within the party over how fast the economy should grow, how quickly state companies should be sold off and how to balance stability and growth.

Not all analysts linked the fall in China stocks to the news out of Beijing. Morihiro Suzuki of Daiwa

Securities said the news from China had bittle to do with the plunge in China stocks, which he said tended to rise and fall more dramatically than the rest of the Hong Kong market, "The big fall in China-related

shares is caused by their high volatility compared to the Hang Seng index," he said. "Overseas investors sold

property-related stocks a few months ago already," he added. "At the time they switched from property to H shares. Now they're selling H shares.' H shares are China stocks

traded in Hong Kong. State-run industries account for about half of China's industrial output, and just under half of them have been losing money. Concerned about the possibility of social unrest, the government has stopped short of

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# TV Firms Tune In to Asia 3 Nations' Broadcasters Unveil Plans

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HONG KONG - Television operators from the United States, Japan and France unveiled plans here Friday to expand activities in the Asia-Pacific region, the latest attempts to break into a market pioneered by News Corp.'s STAR-TV satellite channel.

Time Warner Inc. is spearheading the effort by American companies by asking Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. and MCA Inc. 10 join HBO Pacific Partners, the company that controls the pay-TV channel HBO Asia. HBO Asia is a subsidiary of Time Warner's Home Box Office Inc.

Another U.S. company, Turner Broadcasting System Inc., said its TNT/Cartoon Network would soon start satellite broadcasts in Thai and Mandarin. Turner also signed an accord with TelecomAsia Corp., a Thai cable television operator, to offer the cartoon channel and CNN International in Thailand.

Japan Broadcasting Corp. plans to expand its presence in the region by launching a satellite service in April that will broadcast for 12 hours a day. France Télévision, which controls the two

state-owned channels, is negotiating an agreement with China Central Television for exchanging television programs. France Télévi-

changing television programs. France refersion said it hoped to sign the deal in February.

The expanding Asia-Pacific region has been drawing increasing interest from media companies worldwide who see massive earnings potential. But new ventures have been somewhat slow to take off because of the large investment necessary before companies are likely to turn a profit.

The HBO deal will give the pay channel exclusive rights in Asia to current and future titles and library films from four Hollywood studios: Columbia Pietures, Universal, Warner Brothers and TriStar Pictures.

The wider library of movies should enhance the movie channel's appeal in the coun-

tries where it is available, which include Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia. Taiwan and Brunei. HBO Asia said it planned to start broad-

casting in China next year. The Turner deal with TelecomAsia calls for the U.S. company to provide four hours of cartoons dubbed into Thai and two movies subtitled in Thai when Telecom launches its

cable service early next year. "The vast Thai market is of strategic importance to Turner," said Bryan McGuirk, managing director of Turner International.

With a population of 60 million, Thailand now has four commercial television networks and one commercial-free network on nonsubscription channels. The networks are owned by various government departments, with most programming time sold through concessions.

The addition of pay television through ca-

ble is creating a shortage of programming, industry sources said. Japan Broadcasting's expansion plans include beaming programs in Japanese to a region stretching from Russia to Burma to

New Zealand. At present, the Japanese broadcaster provides nearly two hours of news and features to

about 25 local broadcasters in 13 countries via satellite. "Our main aim is to foster a better mutual understanding with Asian countries," said

Junichi Hayashi, chief of Japan Broadcasıing's Hong Kong Bureau. He said the rapid rise in international satellite television services in the region had fueled

the network's expansion plans.

Kunio Irisawa, bead of international relations at the company, declined to say how much the expansion would cost but said it was less than \$10 million. The expansion is subject to approval by the Japanese Diet, be

(AFP, AP, Bloomberg, AFX)

# VW Stays Calm, but Investors Panic, As Japanese Distributor Hits Ropes

TOKYO - Volkswagen's

Japanese unit said Friday that it was not too worried about a collapse in the value of the stock of a debt-ridden company that handles distribution of the automaker's products.

Volkswagen Audi Nippon watched its investment in Jax. the dealership in which it holds a 50.02 percent stake, lose 2.3 billion yen (\$23 million) of its value this week. "It is very unfortunate for the

average investors," said Minoru Shimizu, manager of the president's office at Volkswagen Andi Nippon. "But we bought (Bloomberg, AP, AFP) into Jax to cement our business er network to supplement its cy speculation gone wrong.

by trading the stock," Volkswagen said it expected bank creditors to give Jax debt relief to keep going.

Since Volkswagen said Nov. 25 that it would not bail out the distributor with a 4.8 billion yen capital injection, brokers have been swamped with sell orders, and trading in the stock has been suspended.

Jax shares last traded at 691 yen each. Shareholders trying to sell at 251 yen a share Friday could find no buyers. Volkswagen bought control

other dealerships. Volkswagen changed 14 of Jax's outlets to Audi and Volkswagen dealerships, all in the Tokyo market. Those outlets now account for about 7 percent of the company's sales in Japan.

We bought into Jax because we wanted them to sell our cars," Mr. Shimizu said. "They have been doing a good job, but their debts are too large." Even after Volkswagen's in-

vestment, those debts stand at 12 billion yen. Jax will write off a remaining 1 billion yen this year of the 4.6 billion yen it lost of Jax last year at 490 yen a in the last couple of years as a to get a ready-made deal- result of land, stock and curren-

# Moody's **Upgrades** \$1.1 Billion India Debt

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BOMBAY - Moody's Investors Service Inc. on Friday raised its rating on India's sovereign debt, saying the country's economie program had put it on a path toward stronger economic growth.

The New York-based creditrating concern said India's restructuring of its tax system, along with liberalization of its trade and investment rules, had promoted increased savings and foreign investment, both of which would fuel growth. Bankers welcomed the up-

grade, saying it would help In-dia raise funds internationally to support a multibillion dollar program to improve basic infrastructure, and attract foreign investment.

The company raised India's rating to Baa3 from Ba2. The upgrade affects \$1.1 bil-

lion of sovereign foreign-currency debt, including Eurobonds issued by its Oil & Natural Gas Corp., which are guaranteed by the government. Moody's said.

Chakraborty Rangarajan, governor of the Reserve Bank of India, said the upgrade was "a clear recognition of the confidence of the international markets in the growth prospects of the Indian economy and its ability in particular to manage the balance of payments."

The upgrade placed India's debt at the lowest investmentgrade level. Previously, the debt was classified as speculative. "It is wonderful news. Since

1991 we have been on the noninvestment category and that made it very difficult for us to get funds for more than six months," an official from the State Bank of India said, Moody's and Standard &

Poor's Corp., another rating agency, cut india's debt rating to speculative grade as its balance-of-payments crisis built up in mid-1991. India scraped through the

crisis by mortgaging part of its gold reserves, sharply cutting imports and raising domestic "India still faces many chal-

lenges," Moody's said, citing ethnic conflicts, inadequate infrastructure and population growth.

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• Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd., a unit of Daiwa Securities Co., has agreed to help Burma set up a stock market and privatize state-owned companies.

• Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. plans to connect every bousehold in the business areas of Japanese cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants to a fiber optic network by 2000.

 China exported textiles worth \$27.1 billion in the first 10 months of the year, a 31.4 percent increase from the year-earlier period. Textiles accounted for a third of China's exports in the period. Caterpillar Inc., named Lei Shing Hong Machinery Ltd., near Shanghai, to be an independent dealer in China.

#### Investors Suspect Hanoi Is Letting Currency Slide

HANOI - Vietnam's currency, the dong, has been steadily falling against the dol-lar, prompting accusations from some investors that the country's central bank was orchestrating the slide. "I think it's a managed deval-

uation," a foreign banker said. The dong, which was steady at about 10,500 to the dollar in mid-1993, has weakened in recent weeks, with the State Bank quoting an official rate of 11.003 to the dollar Friday.

Allowing a gradual depreciation of the currency would keep

petitive and could help ease a growing trade deficit by discouraging imports.

Government officials said the dollar was appreciating against the dong because of its rise on international markets and because Vietnamese businesses needed hard currency to settle contracts. Officials at the International

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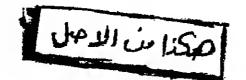
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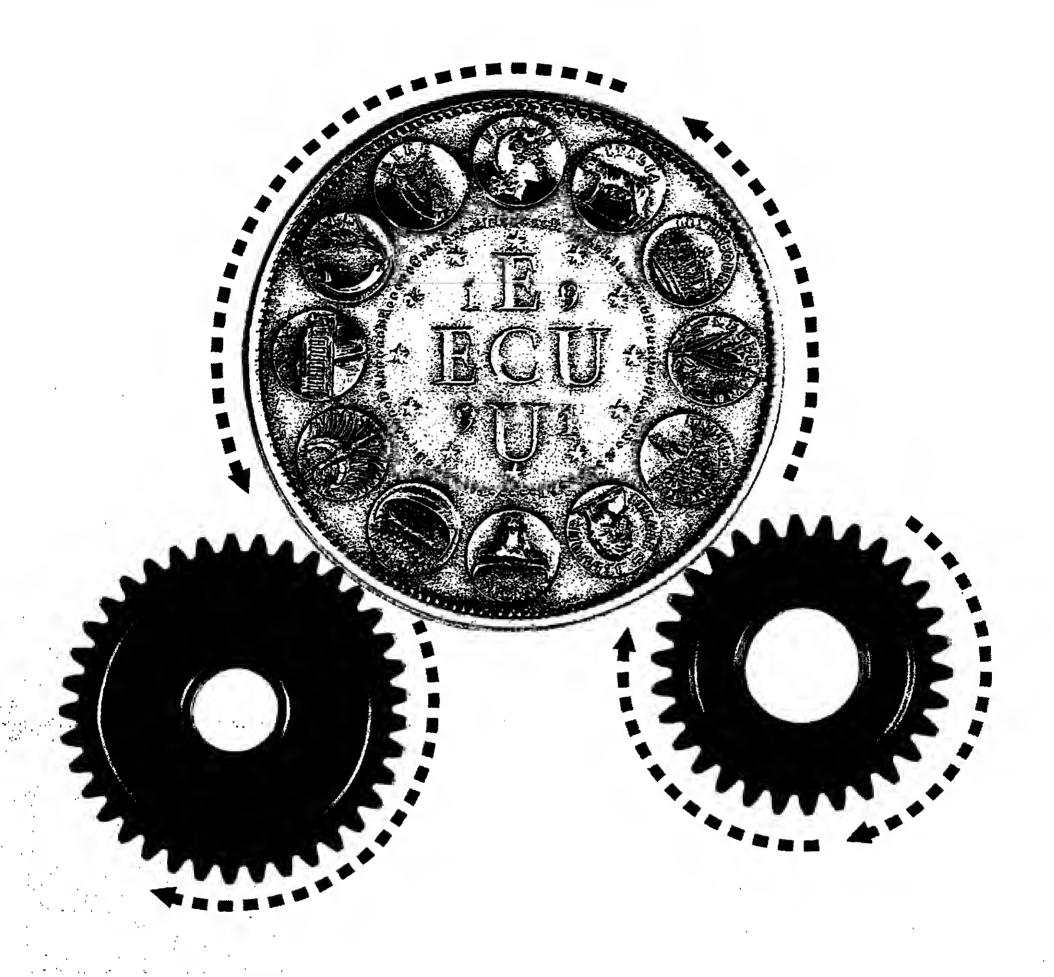
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speculation? Speculation is a departure from the reporting norm in that it offers us not fact, but possibility. The possibility is often remote, but it can result in the transformation of small investments into worthwhile capital sums.

The stock, warrant and option plays addressed in this week's section are speculative investments. They are not necessarily good ones. Readers investing in the calls made bere should only put up money that they are prepared to lose because, in many cases, it is entirely conceivable that they will lose all of it.

For the novice investor, moreover, it is always a good idea to consult a professional adviser before signing any checks.

A further caveat concerns the limited nature of the medium of print amid lightning-fast financial markets. To be sure, print media are excellent vehicles for the dissemination and storage of information, even today. Technology, for all its ad-vances, has yet to provide anything as useful (for the price) as these portable information stores that are easily accessible.

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print is loo crude an implement through which to send the "sell" message. Why? Because readers may simply get that message too late.

We shall, of course, report on the progress of the investment calls made this week, within about six months. To repeat, however: caveat emptor.

# But How Speculative an Investment Is It? Risk Analysis Has Answers

By Martin Baker

PECULATIVE investment is easy enough to define. It is a process whereby the investor takes a large risk in the hope (rather than the expectation) of a high reward. But what is investment risk? How does one define what lies at the very heart of speculative investment? Here we begin to encounter considerable difficulty.

Risk has been described as the investment world's equivalent of death and taxation: It has always been with us and always will be. Yet the assessment of risk has only recently come to prominence as one of the most important areas of analysis in today's markets.

"There's no doubt that people are much more interested in managing risk than they ever were," said Ciaran O'Hagan of J.P. Morgan's Paris office. "The response to 'RiskMetrics,' which tells people how to manage trading risk using volatilities and correlations between different markets, has been absolutely astounding. We held a conference about the system in Paris in October, and we bad to turn people away,

there were so many."
The J.P. Morgan RiskMetrics method attempts to provide a comprehensive picture of the riskiness of holding a particular mix of assets. If, for example, every time Japanese bonds rose French bonds fell, the overall risk run by investors holding those assets as a matched pair would be relatively low — even if both markets were very volatile. Many criteria are utilized:

Risk assessment criterion number

one: volatility.

Financial academics disagree over the precise meaning of volatility. But a reasonable working definition for investment purposes is: The fluctuation in price that an investment such as a share or a bond experiences over time.

Time is relevant, since a 10 percent gain or loss in a stock price would not be considered a volatile move if it occurred over the course of a year. If the move were to happen in the space of two trading days, however, this undoubtedly would be considered volatile. So much so that it would probably excite the interest of market regulators.

In short, volatility, being the susceptibility to sudden swings in price, is one of the oldest and crudest measures of the riskiness of an investment. The error in the thinking of the amateur investor who thinks that price is all and volatility is irrelevant is well illustrated by a practical

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David Swensen, head of Yale University's \$3.5 billion endowment fund, looked into the long-term performance of various classes of assets. He revealed the results of that research to International Fund Investment, the International Herald Tri-

bune's quarterly mutual fund magazine. Mr. Swensen discovered that every dollar invested in U.S. Treasury bonds in 1925 would have been worth around \$12 earlier this year. After discounting inflation, the investor would be looking at a profit of some \$3.

Each dollar invested in the mainstream share market, bowever, would bave grown to around \$800 this year. And, most impressively, a dollar invested in small-company stocks since 1925 would have been worth around \$2,750.

The figures appear to speak for them-selves, until you look at the volatility of these investments. Bonds are relatively solid, main-market shares fluctuate (investors would have had to endure the 1929 crash, for example), and small-company shares buck and rear like a crazy horse.

Mr. Swensen discovered that a dollar invested in small companies in 1925 would have been worth just a few dimes in 1932. "No investor could stand that scale of volatility," he said,

 Criterion two: Volatility as a function of performance.

In plain English, this is the trade-off between how much money you make from an investment and how much you have to worry about it. It is known as risk-adjusted return, or, in the algebra of the linancial markets, alpha.

U.S. Equity Mutual Fund Averages

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E	quity-Income	16.9	2.7	6.3	<b>6</b> 1	3.0	1.35	0.78	0.69	***
G G	rowth	21.1	3.6	9.8	81	0.7	1.38	0.99	0.94	***
G	rowth and Income	18.7	3.1	8.6	63	1.8	1.22	0.80	0.80	***
S	mail Company	22.9	3.4	9.3	78	0.4	1.37	1.34	1.14	***
23	urope Stock	20.6	2.3	6.2	99	0.7	1.85	6.43	1,23	***
	oreign/Stock	29.2	3.2	7.2	58	0.5	1.64	1.32	0.98	***
P	atellic Stock	94,0	3.2	8.5	56	0.3	1.77	1.39	1.38	***
B. V	orld Stock	26.7	3.1	10.1	80	0.5	1.93	0.94	6.96	Ne9cate
S	pecFinancial	12.9	1.7	7.8	74	8.0	1.58	1.85	1.10	****
S	pecHealth	27.4	4.3	9.8	101	0.4	1.56	1.39	1.38	***
S S	pecNatural Rsrcs	28.8	24	7.8	84	0.6	1.81	0.45	1.11	**
S	oecPrecious Mtls	36.9	3.8	6.3	79	0.4	1.73	0.32	2.11	**
2 S	pecTechnology	25.8	5.3	13.2	172	0.2	2.06	1.82	1.40	****
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S <sub>I</sub>	pec,-Unaligned	23.4	2.7	9.9	97	1.1	1.61	1.21	1.05	***
E	quity Average	22_8	3.3	9.0	76	1,0	1.47	-	-	-

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission chairman, Arthur Levitt, recently called for a risk-measurement tool to let small investors know bow volatile their mutual funds can be, This has sparked off

considerable criticism. The Chicago-based fund-monitoring firm Morningstar has produced a "star" system of risk-rating funds, and has argued that it is unrealistic to have one risk measurement standard for all types of funds. The firm has its own star rating system of risk-adjusted return, and im-poses common standards for factors such as price-to-earnings ratios, etc.

· Criterion three: volatility as a func-

tion of relative performance.

Chris Poll, chairman of Micropal, the London-based concern that maps funds globally, insists that risk-adjusted ratings are only viable for "like" funds:

"Using systems that simply divide performance by volatility, if the Japanese market goes up, all those funds are going to look good. We're interested in finding which are the best funds of those with a similar volatility."

Micropal uses the return of funds over three years, divided by the standard deviation in the fund's price over that time. It examines and rates each fund sector scoarately.

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Fund Performance

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Volatility

**-6.2%** 

Fund sector. U.K. equity growth.

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Performance

+17.9%

 Criterion four: investment objective. The ultimate judge of investment risk is the investor. If you are determined to double or triple your money within a month, you might buy an option that could expire within a matter of weeks and be worthless. But if doubling capital is the investment objective, such a risk may be perfectly reasonable.

Equally, if an investment is part of a larger portfolio, excessive risk may be perfectly acceptable. This is where systems like J.P. Morgan's are especially useful.

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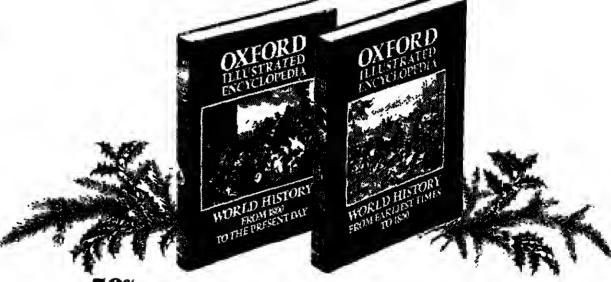
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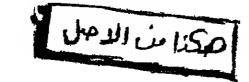
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# Warrants: Are the Risks Worth a Shot At a Big Payoff?

By Rupert Bruce

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HE Kleinwort Emerging Markets Investment Trust, like most emerging-market funds, carries the prospect of great rewards at the cost of high

The ordinary shares in this U.K.-listed fund are speculative enough for some, but for those interested in a bit more excitement, warrants for the fund are

Warrants are highly-lever-aged securities for which investors pay a small price now usually a fraction of a company's or fund's current share price - for the right to buy a ertain number of shares at an exercise price" within a defined time frame. These are known as "call" warrants. "Put" warrants, which offer similarly-arranged rights to sell sbares, are also sometimes available, but companies don't

issue them on their own stock. Investors buy call warrants only when they think a company's or fund's trading price will rise to a point higher than the sum of the exercise price and the cost of the warrant itself. If the trading price stays lower than the exercise price during the life of the warrant, the warrant is said to be "out of the

In the case of the Kleinwort warrants, the exercise price is £1 (\$1.56). At the fund's recent trading price of 80 pence, the warrants were still out of the money, but they do not expire

During the last 12 months, the effect of the Kleinwort warrants' leveraging has sent them shooting up by about 60 per-cent, compared with a rise of about 20 percent in the fund's trading price. But the risks of sbort-term warrant plays are rants Alert, recommends a few sigh. A longer-term investment other calculations for judging 2005.

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in the warrants of a well-managed, emerging-markets fund, while sull a gamble, is at least a more calculated one, say ana-

"Any investment in an emerging-markets investment irusi warrant needs to be looked at on a long-term basis, and the buyer needs to be aware that the value can fluctuate quite sharply over the short term," said Simon While, managing director of Kleinwort enson Investment Trusts.

"But if you take a long-term view that the emerging markets are going to show significantly greater growth than developed economies, this seems a reasonable drawback to accept to get the gearing that warrants give on that growth."

According to the International Finance Corporation, the private-sector division of the World Bank, gross output on a per-capita basis will grow at an average of 4 percent in emerg-ing markets during this decade compared with 2.6 percent in developed markets. Mr. White takes this forecast to imply that the economies and stock markets of developing countries will also grow at faster rates than those in mature markets.

A large family of emerging-markets funds has grown up during the 1990s as more investors have become interested in global diversification. These funds may invest in single countries, "regions" such as Latin America or Central Europe, or developing markets across the

But emerging-markets funds with warrants attached are relatively rare. Those that do exist are often domiciled in offsbore centers and listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Andrew McHattie, editor of

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the value of a warrant. The premium," he said, is calculated by adding the warrant price to the exercise price, subtracting the share price, then divid-ing that total by the share price and expressing the result as a

In the case of the Kleinwort fund, the so-called premium, which analysts use to assess the value of warrants, is 46 percent. The higher the premium, the more expensive the warrant.

A considerably more complicated calculation also gives the "capital fulcrum point." This is the annual percentage growth of the equity required for investors to do equally well in terms of capital appreciation with either the equity or the warrant.

Mr. McHattie recommends the Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust warrants for the combination of their long lives (they expire in 2004) and the fund's underlying high quality. They are expensive. with a premium of 57 percent, he said, but have a reasonable capital fulcrum point of 7.5 percent. "The fundamental record of that trust is the best in the sector," he said.

Mr. McHattie also likes the warrants on the Five Arrows Chile Fund, a Guernsey-registered vehicle run by Rothschild Asset Management. The war-rants expire in 1999.

Jon Szymanowski, an investment trust analyst and a director at the investment bank SG Warburg Securities, recommends warrants on the the Edinburgh Inca Fund, a Londonlisted investment trust that invests in Latin America. It has a premium of 63 percent.

Mr. Szymanowski also likes the Edinburgh Dragon Fund a U.K. newsletter called War- warrants, which have a 25 percent premium and expire in

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### The Case for One Company's Warrants

By Barbara Wall

LL analysts of the warrant market have their Lown favorite picks. Mike Scott, warrant portfolio manager for the U.K.- based brokerage Hargreaves Lansdown likes BTR PLC, the international engineering, rubber and plastics conglomerate.

"Brave investors may be interested in the 1997 warrants issued by BTR PLC," said Mr. Scott. "It's one of the biggest companies list-ed in the FT-SE t00 index and, although extremely volatile, these warrants seem poised for a significant recovery."

Mr. Scott explained that BTR warrants have balved in value over the last month as its ordinary sbares have collapsed following a lessthan-encouraging corpo-rate statement about future prospects. "The statement, which followed the release of the company's threeyear results, basically said that BTR was struggling to maintain margins as it was unable to pass on commodity price increases to the consumer," said Mr. Scott. As RTR has always been perceived as a growth

company, market analysts automatically concluded that BTR was no longer a worthwhile investment," he added. Mr. Scott believes the

market has over-reacted: "BTR is basically a sound financial concern. Shares are currently yielding 5.3 percent — more than the average U.K. building society or bank is paying at the moment - and this is likely to attract interest from institutional investors who are looking for income."

BTR 1997 warrants have fallen to an all-time low of 61 pence (95 cents) from a high of 144 pence in June. But it is widely held that they are unlikely to fall by much further. In addition, Mr. Scott notes that they are currently geared by a factor of 4.6, which makes them extremely auractive considering that the warrant-market average is cur-

rently a factor of 3. The capital fulcrum point, which is the annual percentage growth of the

BTR 1997 warrant 160 pence

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equity required for investors to do equally well in terms of capital appreciation with either the equity or the warrant, is also favorable at 5.42 percent. The average CFP is currently 8.45 percent.

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"Although the underlying shares have lost about one third of their value. which is more than the market lost in the 1987 crash, there is clearly a level below which the shares will not fall," noted Mr. Scott. 'Moreover, with three years to go before the war-rant expiration date, BTR shares need only get hack to a fraction of their original price for the 1997 warrants to be profitable."

#### Beware of the Rumor Mill's Grist

By Michael D. McNickle

XECUTIVES of The board. The firm's shares took a rumors.

doors. The problem: None of it from price moves. was true.

numors in the market, not get ports activity in a daily fax. any verification, and they can

monitoring this more closely," more than a rumor, she added, referring to the U.S. Many rumors, as Securities and Exchange Com-

So, bow can the individual investor protect himself against the effect of unsubstantiated rumors? Who starts rumors and why? Is there any way to tell a true one from a false one? It depends. Even sophisticat-

tions beyond their control. News Exchange, an electronic firms trying to create a buzz news service, notes that anyone about a client's shares.

can be victimized. pany was under investigation the target company. by the U.S. Securities and Ex-

ald. "It was an SEC investigation that had been underway known and had been previously been priced in" to the share

The information the columnist reported was apparently true, but what made the share price drop was the appearance down. of conveying a new revelation paganda, analysts say, many rumors about financial markets rely on a tiny grain of truth.

takeovers, experts note, can move stock prices of individual equities up and down for years. them, and ignore rumors all to-

Another approach, observes Widget Corp. (real Don Fishback, of Ohio-based company, fictional Fishback Management and Remame) were angry. search, an option consulting Someone was publishing nasty concern, is to watch the option rumors about the firm on a volume and option volatility of widely read electronic bulletin companies involved in takeover

The accusations were ex- said, major investors will often traordinary. There were allega- markedly increase their options tions that could shut the firm's positions to hedge or profit

as true. Similarly, Larry McMillan, Lois O, Rosenbaum, an attorney with Stoel, Rives, Boley, egist newsletter, based in Mor-Jones and Grey, an Oregon law ristown, N.J., keeps a careful firm, said that people "can pass eve on option volume and re-

be completely made-up. But be- are more than rumor," he said. cause rumors spread, they can "Because someone's actually affect the price of a stock very buying the options... actually quickly. And no one's there to putting their money into it. One monitor that.

putting their money into it. One of the assumptions that we "I think the SEC ought to be make is that [it's] a little bit

are started by professional in-

Shannon Terry, an analyst with SGA Goldstar Research, a Nashville investment advisory whose products include a daily ed analysis and market watch- fax of stock rumors, said that ers can get taken in by situa- while there isn't any one source of rumors, a good deal of them Patrick Fitzgerald, president come from traders, brokers and of the Chicago-based Option some financial public-relations come from traders, brokers and

Stephen G. Macklem, a gen-Mr. Fitzgerald cited an ex- eral partner of Arauca Trading, ample. He said he owned some a Chicago risk-arbitrage firm, shares of a large, well-respected adds arbitragers to the list of public company when a colum- rumor-starting culprits. He nist - whom Mr. Fitzgerald notes that an arbitrager worksaid was widely regarded as a ing on a merger might spread leading source of unconfirmed the word that the deal was go--reported with a sense ing to fall through, hoping to of great urgency that the com- push down the share price of

change Commission. key to understanding market rumors was to look at the short pummeled," said Mr. Fitzger- sellers, who have an interest in for nine months. But this was not own, based on a bet that the

stock price will drop. Sometimes the "shorts," as

Rumors travel by word of — even though the actual mouth, rendering the discovery "news" was old bat. Like pro- of the person who actually began the story virtually impossi-

Rumors regarding possible Kapferer in his book "Rumeurs Le plus vieux média du monde? (Rumor — the world's oldest information medium) argues One way to avoid such prob- that rumor is never attributable, lems, many add, is to buy shares that it is by definition, an alter-

based on fundamentals, hold native to official or accountable

In a takeover, Mr. Fishback

"These things that I look for

vestors hoping to create volatility that produces trades for traders and commissions for

Another analyst said that the key to understanding market seeing stock prices dive. A short seller sells shares that he does

they're known, can't wait for the stock price to drop on its own, so they conjure up rumors designed to bring the price

French academic Jean-Noel

stories. Mr. Kapferer sees rudisseminating information — some investments and write some of which is true, and some checks.

According to Mr. Kapferer, the informal, unaccountable nature of rumor meant that it was instrumental in the speculative frenzy surrounding sugar in the 1970s. Between 1968 and 1974, the price of sugar multipied by a factor of more than forty. Rumors abounded that the Philippines were suspending exports and that American investors were in the market, buying massively and hoarding for profit. The sugar price ultimately peaked in 1974 when the Polish government embargoed the export of 120,000 tons of

Yet a cursory glance at the fundamentals of supply and de-mand would bave revealed that there was little sense in the continued rise in the commodity's price. Mr. Kapferer attributes the surge to speculative greed fueled by rumor: "Rationality gave way to scrupulously nurtured dreams and imagination, he writes. Ultimately the sugar price subsided almost as quick-

ly as it had risen. So the moral for speculators is clear: He who lives by rumor. dies by rumor too.

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# **Trusts Aim to Profit** From Lloyd's Market

LOYD'S of London, the venerable insurance concern, has suffered through turbulens times over the past few

Many of Lloyd's "names," the private individuals who underwrite insurance risks from their bomes in the British shires, have been financially wiped out. At times, challenges have been made to the market's very existence. But out of the choppy waters bas emerged a new course of investment: Some 13 Lloyd's investment trusts that underwrite insurance risks have been launched.

Lloyd's investment trusts basically operate on a margin principal. They underwrite risks with Lloyd's syndicates and then put their capital into government bonds or low-risk equities. Then, they wait for the results of the insurance business. If it goes well, they receive mor as an alternative system of checks. If it goes badly, they sell

Jim Mellon, chairman of the Hong Kong-based fund management firm Regent Pacific. says the trusts are profoundly misunderstood by the London stock market and surprisingly

cheap to boot. "Their prices only take into account their investments in shares and gilts," he said. "They do not take into account that they have been underwriting for several months of 1994. They also do not take into account

that they may pay out in 1996. "And they do not consider that 1994 is likely to have been a very good year - the yields on the risks underwritten could be as high as 20 percent. 1995 is also likely to be a very good

Mr. Mellon's favored Lloyd's investment trusts are LIMIT, or the London Insurance Market Investment Trust, and the Hiscox Select Insurance Fund. Both are traded on the London Stock Exchange.

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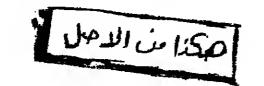
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#### THE MONEY REPORT

# In Russia, a Tempting Telecom. . .

HAT Russian equities are speculative is obvi
Russian long-distance telephone company, has great longshare. This put it at a priceous from most investors' point of view. Indeed, even the most optimistic salesmen of Russian stocks would admit that the inherent political and financial risks are daunting. But some market fol-lowers believe that prices are still cheap and could rise a long way from current levels.

Jim Mellon, chairman of the Hong Kong-based fund man-agement firm Regent Pacific, agement firm Regent Pacific, says that AO Rostelecom, the

AO Rostelecom was recently capitalization of around \$1 biltrading on over-the-counter lion and was privatized in April.

term potential to grow. But he's also expecting a big share-price rise in the short term.

"If you buy it now you will beat many emerging market funds that will only be able to buy into the market when the central depositary system is in place next year," be said. "The stock could go up five to 10 risk.

#### An End-of-Year 'Put' Up quidity in the market and

speculative play. You could double your money in a matter of weeks - or you could lose it all. You have been warned.

The idea is a simple one. The investor bets on the possible fall of an index by buying a "put" option. A put option confers the right, but not the obligation to sell the index at a certain price over a certain period of time. If the index falls, the option becomes valuable - very valuable if the index moves down appreciably. If the index doesn't fall during the life span of the option, the investor loses all his money.

The index in question is the Amex Computer Tech-nology Index, identifiable by the ticker XCI. It is traded on the American Stock Exchange in New York.

The arguments for buying puts - for betting that the index will fall - center on a number of points. The most compelling are "technical," in that they pay more attention to the lisellers, as opposed to "fun-damental" issues, such as the long-term viability of technology stocks. Technical argument

the number of buyers and

number one is that U.S. mutual funds, until recently awash with cash, are facing redemptions. Mutual funds have been big buyers of technology shares, and the index has spiked up sharply in recent weeks. Now, redemptions are up. Investors want their money back, so managers must sell to honor the redemption checks. Secondly, some analysts feel that that the traditional

year-end rise in these stocks has come early. There is no more money to support these stocks, goes the argument, and they should fall sharply in the short term. January puts, offering the right to sell the XCI at

145, are currently priced at \$1. This week, the index was at about 160. Good luck

-Martin Baker

# No Lack of Speculative Plays In Global Investment Markets

By Aline Sulfivan

PECULATIVE stock market investors have rarely enjoyed so much choice. The collapse of Communism and the rise of emerging-market economies have combined to offer a dazzling array of high-risk, highreward possibilities.

The hazards can take many forms. Indeed, the ebb and flow of political tides in areas where free-market economies are still in infant stages can destabilize those markets in fairly short order. But the chance to tap into buge potential at bargain-basement prices is proving irresistible to many investors.

South African gold shares afford some excellent speculative investment opportunities, according to Jonathan Neill, a fund manager at the London arm of Pictet & Co, the Swiss private bank. The sector has underperformed the IFC emerging-market index by 90 percent since the late 1980s," he said. "But the political worries are almost behind us now and shares should start to pick up."

Mr. Neill is advising clients to buy shares in a host of South African gold-mining compa-nies, including Driefontein Consolidated Ltd., Kloof Gold Mining Co., and Vaal Reefs Exploration and Mining Co.

Stocks in high-technology companies are also widely per-ceived as speculative by the analyst community. While shares in high-tech concerns can leap in value if the market likes their products, sustaining that momentum is a trick that few man-

age for long periods of time.

Peter Sullivan, a Enropean equity analyst at Merrill Lynch in London, is advising his clients to buy shares in the Finnish cellular-telephone concern Nokia AB. He said that Nokia should be considered a speculative buy because the shares have more than doubled in each of

the past two years.
"Nokia's valuations are still attractive," he said. "I expect the stock to appreciate at least another 20 percent next year. But the celfular business can change very quickly and investors should be ready to bail ont if a big new competitor comes

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estimated 1995 earnings, com- struction equipment manufacpared with a PE ratio of around 55 last year, Mr. Sullivan add-

Some companies are able to evolve in line with changes in the marketplace. Shares in Aydin Corp., a defense, electronics and communications group giants currently offer similar based in Horsham, Pennsylva-opportunities. Mr. Neill at Picnia, plunged to about \$11 per tet & Co. said that Japanese share from around \$28 in the banks constituted "a very early 1990s due to the downturn in the U.S. defense industry. But David Katz, chief invest-

ment officer at Matrix Asset Advisors in New York, rates the company a good speculative buy because it is using its deitself into a wireless communications manufacturer.

Mr. Katz said that Aydin shares should rebound to \$20 over the next 18 months and then climb substantially higher. "Wireless communications will become well known in this in-

Another speculative strategy is to buy shares in companies that have been sold off by large corporations. The risk in this was formerly a division of con-sumer electronics coneern Speculating is also

problems are now almost over. study in "jungle capitalism."

Shares should rebound over the Mr. Greer adds, bowever, 18 months, be said.

Both Aydin Corp. and O'Sullivan Industries, add other ana- derdeveloped regulatory elilysts, are examples of "turn- mate, have already resulted in around" situations where the amassing of considerable investors have the opportunity personal wealth for investors to buy shares ahead of a revival

lyst at NatWest Markets in triple over the next nine London, said he liked four Brit- months.

into the market or there is an ish companies as speculative adverse change in the value of plays: Aran Energy PLC, media services concern Aegis Group Nokia shares are trading at PLC, chemical company MTM about 15 times the company's PLC, and BM Group, a con-The turnaround scenario and

the risk that fortunes won't ac-

tually improve is by no means

confined to small or mediumsized companies, stress analysts. A number of corporate tet & Co. said that Japanese bombed-out sector in a very bombed-out market" that many investors fear will not pick up. But shares in the some of the banks could still be attractive. Mr. Neill noted that Kita-Nippon Bank's market capitalizafense technology to transform tion represents only 3 percent

of its total deposits, compared with a high of 10.5 percent in 1990. Tomato Bank's market cap is about 5.3 percent of deposits, compared with 11.4 percent in 1990. Mr. Neill added that U.S. banks have an average grow by leaps and bounds," he market cap of around 30 per-said. "We feel that Aydin will cent of deposits. Several European banks and

insurance companies have also underperformed their relative sectors in recent years and could be ripe for a rebound. François Langlade, an analyst approach was well illustrated at CS First Boston in London, by the case of O'Sullivan Indus- is advising elients to buy shares tries Holdings Inc., a manufac- in Assurances Générales de turer of ready-to-assemble France, Banco Popular Español home and office furniture that SA in Spain and Svenska Han-Speculating is also rife in

Tandy Corp.
O'Sullivan, based in Lamar, as oil concern LUKoil and tele-Missouri, has suffered from com company AO Rostelecom sales shortfalls and distribution are piqueing the interest of inproblems since being offered to ternational investors. But the the public by Tandy earlier this market is currently so volatile year, resulting in a huge drop in that Richard Greer, head of eqits share price. But, according mity research at Baring Securi-to Mr. Katz, these teething ties in London, refers to it as a

that the myriad opportunities in Russia, combined with an unwho haven't shied away from the risks. He said that values in Paul Williams, an equity ana- some Russian companies could

# ... And a Promising Oil Company

HE Russian oil and gas company LUKoil is being cited by many analysts as a speculative play worth investigating. LUKoil is the largest "vertically integrated" oil concern in Russia, meaning that it is active in exploration and production as well as in refining

"The best method of pricing these companies is by barrels of proven reserves," said an anayst of Russian equities who in-

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The investment bank CS First Boston estimates that at the company's current share price of around \$36, its proven resources are priced at 64 cents sisted on anonymity. "This a barrel. But the bank warns

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Analysts say this is cheaper than multiples for comparable-

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emerging markets. But many wonder if the value is worth the

bank CS First Boston.

The fact that there are so few reliable financial figures for many Russian equities illustrates the degree of risk. Indeed, as yet, LUKoil publishes no annual profit and loss figures.

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#### yield of 8 percent, while the A Rebound for U.K. **Property Market?**

Whatever the fashionable in-"Our equity strategy mirrors that of our private portlobo ser- vestment gurus may think of it, market has had a strong year managing director of Cater Al-The 1994 report and accounts len Jersey, in the Channel Is-lands. "We look for fundamen-of the Schroder Exempt Proper tal value, accompanied by ty Unit Trust, a U.K. fund, Sales of U.S. stock, bond and cord of consistent and aboveincome funds totaled \$32.2 billion in October according to Both figures are denominated growth. This approach tends to in sterling. exclude the currently most fash-

"The amount of new money ionable, often low-yielding, stocks and markets." in the market for investment The bond fund will invest property has been consider-

able," said William Hill, the fund's manager.

Mr. Hill added that a further significant boost for property funds was expected from pension funds, some of which have been selling "small direct port-folios in favor of investing in property unit trusts."

#### A Big Birthday for Little investments Foreign & Colonial, the U.K.

fund management group, is cel-ebrating the tenth anniversary of its regular savings plan for small investors. A monthly investment of £25 in the Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust begun 10 years ago would now be worth more than £7,000, says the group. In next week's Money Report:

The world's airlines and related industries.

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# Update on May 21 Picks: Won Some, Lost Some

By Martin Baker

UR last section focusing on speculative investments, in the Money Report of May 21, produced both saints and sinners. Let's start with the bad news, and finish with the Leading the parade of the

fallen is the warrant market. The market in warrants on funds has fallen in volume and prices have generally slipped over the past six months. The two warrant plays on which we reported proved no exception. Warrants on the Baillie Gifford Japan Trust looked especially interesting at the time because of an apparent pricing anomaly. At 214 pence (\$3.33), the warrants had been slipping off in value even while the equity had been appreciating.

However, it seems the success of the BG Japan warrant was largely dependent on the market doing well. When the market failed to move, the poor performance of the warrant was exaggerated because of its high leverage. Underlying shares in the BG Japan warrant are currently trading at around 641

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Martin Currie European Trust warrants were featured in our May 21 edition because of what appeared to be a readily identifiable price discrepancy between the fund and the warrant. The warrant has not performed to plan (which is to say it has done poorly), but it has not done any worse than most other U.K. investment trust

This will be scant consolation, of course, to investors who committed money to a security whose price has slipped from 40 pence in April to around 36 pence this week. Meanwhile the share price of the trust has dropped slightly from 125 pence to around 110 pence over the same time span.

Andrew McHattie, editor of

U.K.-based Warrants Alert, a monthly newsletter for private investors, advises holders of Martin Curne European warrants to sit tight on their investment for the time being. He also suggests that holders

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pence and the warrant itself has over the last few months," he securities this year, having trad-more than halved in value, with said. "As the share price has ed at between 10 pence and 51 steadily fallen away from the exercise price, many investors will be tempted to hold on to the warrants, particularly if they feel bullish on Japan."

> So here we have the classic speculator's dilemma. Do you eccept a loss, or do you reason that if these warrants were a reasonable play in May, now they are sensational value, and should be bought? The answer for those who bought in May should be simple enough: Look back at your original plan for drawing a "stop-loss" limit on speculative investments. If you've already lost what you were prepared to lose, invest no

The good news has come from the penny shares featured in May's Money Report. These securities have been very much on the side of the angels: The worst-performing security highlighted was Rodime PLC, which makes computer disk drives. Its share price was unchanged this week at 12 pence. London market's most volatile

ed at between 10 pence and 51 pence. But whatever the volatility, the price is unchanged today from six months ago.

The other penny shares we nighlighted have performed in a manner to set the speculative wolves drooling.

Rentech Inc. is a U.S. corporation that transforms low-value carbon solids into valuable liquid bydrocarbons. When we reported on the company, it was coming out of a difficult period. and had just won a contract in China. It was trading on the Nasdaq at \$1.50, and has since risen 20 percent to about the \$1.80 level

The best performer has been Diversifax Inc., another U.S. corporation that runs a coinoperated copy machine business. In May, the company's shares were trading at around the \$2 level. Now they have risen almost 75 percent to around the \$3.60 mark.

That sounds wonderful. But remember, for some investors, it will just be compensation for losses they took in the warrant

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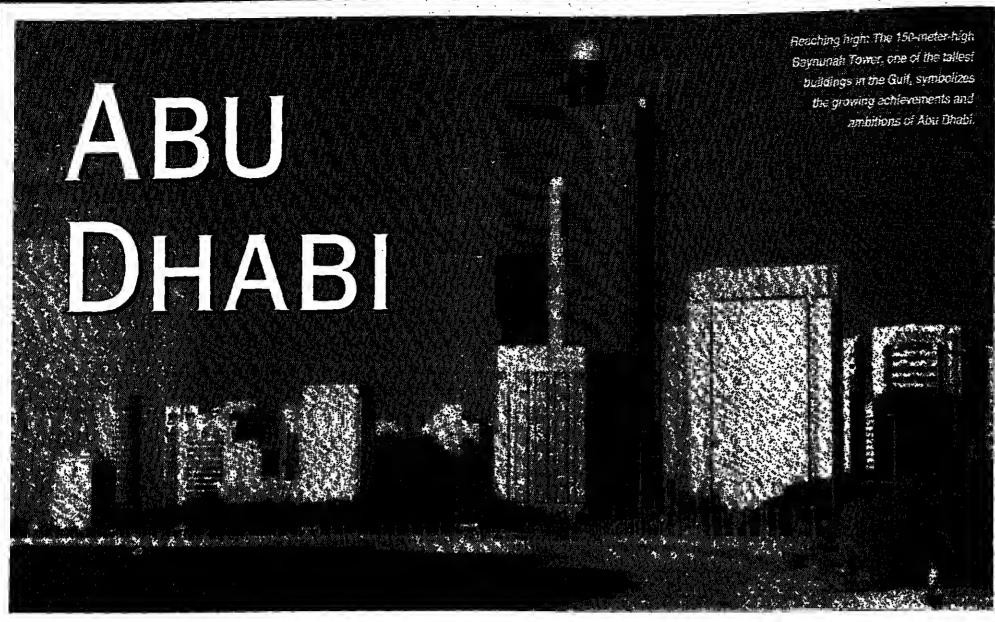
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#### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES MAJOR OFFSET PROGRAM

With contractors required to reinvest 60 percent of the contract value back into UAE projects, offset funds are expected to pump about \$6 billion into the economy.

One of the higgest re- is for 436 French-built gional defense budgets over the next five years is the \$20 hillion slated by the United Arab Emirates federal gov-ernment for the 61,500strong Unioo Defense Force. Almost all of this is going to Abu Dhabi, which maintains a degree of independence from the Dubai Defense Force, according to the London-based Institute for Strategic Studies. The total is almost the same as the amount spent by Kuwait following the Iraqi invasion.

One of the biggest single

Leclerc tanks. Abu Dhabi already has 125 main battle tanks. Because of the size of defense expenditures, the federal government has developed a complex and hybrid offset program, whose guidelines were drawn up by Amin Badr-El-Din, chairman of the Offset Group. Basically, contractors have to reinvest 60 percent of all orders over \$10 million back into projects in the UAE during a seven-year period, thus benefiting the local economy. This is mandatory defense orders, placed last for defense sales and civil June for delivery most year, projects

The offset component, according to Mr. Badr-El-Din. can be made up in many differeot ways; these range from selling products manufactured in the UAE overseas to transfer of technology, manpower training and research and development costs. It is also suggested in some quarters that offset projects might include a joint venture between the foreign contractor and a local partner from the UAE in a third country, so long as the venture benefits the UAE economy.

A few projects have been agreed upon so far. One of scheme so far has been de

the first was between Martin Marietta and Ibn-Khaldun Establishment for an advanced medical diagnostic center, the first of its kind in the Gulf. A second project was agreed by a subsidiary of Litton Industries, which is to install integrated security systems at various sites. This project is said to be worth about \$100 million in offset credits, which will be set against any future defense sales by Litton Industries. A local company, Al Bawardi, is understood to be examining over 100 offset projects.

will count toward the 60 percent component of any contract. Other capital will be raised by local shareholders. About 20 percent of the The most innovative

UAE and the rest globally in veloped by Chase Manhattan Bank NA and the Offset various financial instru-Group. Elie Wakim, Chase's ments and securities. "The area director for the Middle financial investments will be East, explaios that Chase so structured as to guarantee will manage a special invest-ment fund held by the Unita minimum return after 10 years at 2.5 percent per aned Arab Emirates Special Innum, which will be equivavestments Ltd. It is boped lent to 25 percent overall," that the fund will have a capsays Mr. Wakim. "Our aim is to substantially improve upon those figures." Chase ital of \$1 billioo. This will be raised from offset obligations created by defense and is in the process of setting up other sales to the UAE and a team to examine several projects, which it is hoped will meet the Offset Group's criteria. "So far, we have had a very positive reaction to our proposals," says Mr. fand will be invested in the

# 'THE CITY IS AWASH WITH LIQUIDITY'

Abu Dhabi is the UAE's most prusperous sheikdom.

While much of the rest of the world may be passing through economic doldrums, Abu Dhabi continues to expand - upward, as far as construction is concerned. On the corniche, the 150-meter (495-foot) Baynunah Tower is now nearing completion at a cost of more than \$55 million. One of the tallest buildings in the Gulf, it can be seen as a symbol of the "bigger and better" achievements that characterize Abu Dhabi. The emirate is by far the most prosperous of the seven sheikhdoms that make up the United Arab Emirates. Per-capita income last year was more than \$32,000.

Abu Dhabi, which can now pump more than 2.6 million barrels of oil a day, is the second-largest Arab oil producer after Saudi Arabia. Its reserves represent 10 percent of proven global supplies - more than 100 billion harrels. It also has one of the largest gas reserves, estimated at 314,000 billion cubic feet. Annual oil revenues are around \$20 billion, to which should be added income from global investments of about \$120 billion. Local business sources say the federal government has been pumping \$17 billion into the public sector to maintain economic momentum; much has

gone to Abu Dhabi, where the city ceater is being rebuilt.

"The city is awash with liquidity," says Mohammed A. Al Fahim, a leading businessman, "but the [Abu Dhabi] government has monopolized all the big projects." He also says that there is a land shortage on Abu Dhabi island itself. He wants to build a trendy shopping mall; similar to those in neighboring Dubai but cannot find sufficient land.

Infrastructure improvements key to growth
This year, apart from residential and commercial developments, Abu Dhabi spent 1.9 billion dirhams (\$527 million) on road works and 695 million dirhams oo sewerage schemes; it plans to spend another 800 million dirhams on roads next year. One of the biggest single items is the \$1.4 billioo Taweelah B 750-megawatt power station. A new 250-megawatt station is being built at Al-Mirfa, and the power station at Al Ain, where a new international airport has just opened, is being expanded from 250 megawatts to 600 megawatts. Total funds being released for major civil works throughout the UAE are estimated at \$8 billion

through the end of 1996; most is targeted for Abu Dhabi. Currently, the largest capital-expenditure program is a \$5 billion upgrade and development of Abu Dhabi's oil and gas infrastructure, now nearing completion. Oil-industry sources say that the pressure is on to develop the major Upper Zakum offshore oil field quickly so as to start recouping costs. This field may contain half the emirate's total oil reserves.

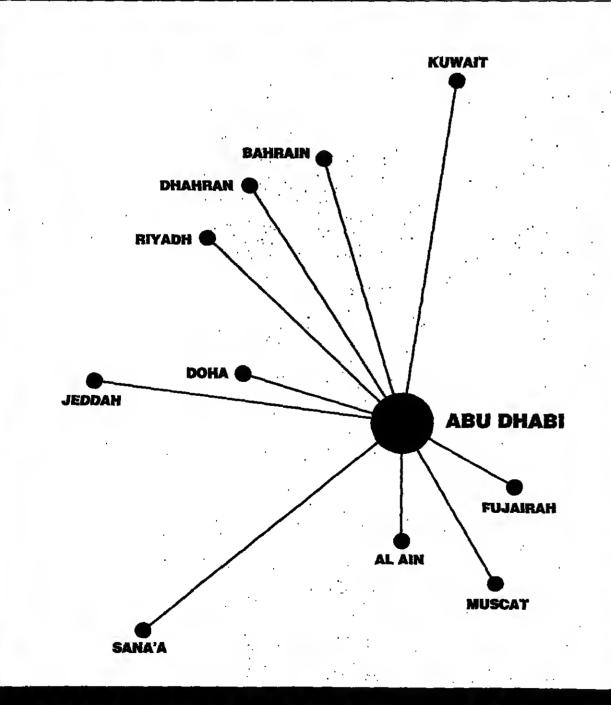
In 1993, a consortium consisting of Bechtel, France's Technip and CCC of Lebanoo was awarded a \$1.3 billion contract to manage and develop onshore gas resources. It hopes to sell most of the gas to Japan.

\$20 billion for defense by end of decade

Defense spending, expected to reach a massive \$20 hillion by the end of the decade, will make Abu Dhabi one of the best-equipped emirates in the Gulf. The UAE government has embarked on a sophisticated offset program.

The government hopes that this will spur a new range of joint ventures, introduce some high-tech industries and bring in new management skills. Economic diversification is paying off. Non-oil exports rose by 15 percent in 1993.

With the prospect of up to \$6 hillion in offset funds coming into the economy, Abu Dhabi and the UAE are faced with the embarrassing problem of deciding what is the best thing to do with the money.



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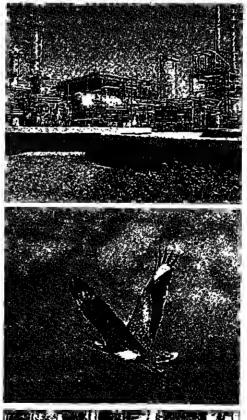
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# NEW VISION FOR DUTY-FREE SHOPPING

The Abu Dhabi and Al Ain international airports offer high-quality duty-free shopping.

here is a new look to the at Abu Dhabi International Airport, where a major facelift has just been completed. This year has also seen the launching of duty-free shops at the newly opened Al Ain International Airport, making Abu Dhabi the only emirate in the United Arah Emirates to have two airport duty-free-shopping operations.

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What makes Abu Dhabi an attractive place to shop is its spaciousness and the special displays of top brandname items - watches, jewelry, electronics and perfumes. It is very easy for shoppers to find the particufar item they are looking for - an important advantage for transit passengers or late arrivals who do not have much time to pick and choose.

Sales turnover at the main international airport is expected to reach 220 million dirhams (about \$60 million) this year, compared with 191 million dirhams in 1993. In 1985, when the present duty-free operation began, sales in the first year were only 20 million

Mohamed Moumb, generduty-free shopping complex al manager of Abu Dhabi duty free, is also responsible for Al Ain. He says that since Al Ain opened earlier this year, sales there have been doing well. The Al Ain shops have a total area of

#### Sales at main airport could reach \$60 million this year.

450 square meters (4,800 square feet), ahout the size of the departure lounge at Abu Dbabi. Both duty-free outlets are managed by the same team from Abu Dhabi, which has computer links to Al Ain for stock control.

Color-coded shopping Different color schemes have been used at Al Ain to identify the eight categories of shops. These are divided into watches, gold jewelry, electronics and cameras, fashion and leather, food, books and toys, beverages and tobacco, and perfumes

and cosmetics. Only top

stocked at Al Ain.

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Passenger traffic through Abu Dhabi airport increased by more than 27 percent, to 1.87 million, during the first semester of this year. During the same period in 1993, the total was 1.47 million. Sales during the first six month were more than \$28 million, an increase of 20 percent over the same period in

According to Mr. Mounib, average spending per pas-senger has risen by more than one dollar, to \$26.50. At the arrivals shop, average spending was \$2 a head.

More than 17 percent of all sales were gold jewelry. This was followed by beverages (13.1 percent), electronics and household appliances (11.8 percent) and per-fumes (11.6 percent). Ahu Dhabi was one of the first Gulf shops to sell diamonds, which account for 2.1 percent of sales.

Mr. Mounib says there has been a slight change in the kind of passenger traffic. "There has been a trend toward destinations, rather than transit traffic," he says.
"We realized this in 1992

Union Bank.

BANKING REPORT

The Union Bank will probably produce an annual report next March, the first since the BCCI debacle,

when BCC (Emirates) was restructured and renamed

"On the whole we have had a good year,." says General Manager Anwer Qayum Sher," although in the first six months, letters of credit were a little low

because of the 4 percent customs duty that was being

imposed. There was a drop in car imports, but the

trend began to be reversed in September, and there has been a steep rise in LCs since, which indicates

Emirates Industrial Bank has also had a good year

in terms of financing projects, according to its deputy general manager, Muzafar Alhaj. "I think we will be in a better position by the end of the current year, compared with 1993," he says. EIB's main role is to

finance industrial projects throughout the UAE. In 1993, it approved 18 loans worth a total of 145 mil-

lion dirhams (\$45 million). Loans for manufacturing

that there is much more trade going on."

industries increased by 35 percent.

brand-name items will be and decided we needed a different style of shop layout. Last year, we completed the first phase, and the second phase was finished in March this year."

> Easier to window shop The main idea has been to provide easier access for customers to look at the

There is now an open-plan shop for ready-to-wear fashion. There is a totally new decor in the perfume shop, where six selected companies now have their own brand displays. Three new "island" shops - selling crystal and china, small leather items, and gold jewelry and diamonds - are a prominent feature.

Plans for next year, now awaiting the go-ahead, in-clude six individual brandname sbops.

Mr. Mounib is optimistic Dhabi's duty-free operations. "We want to put a complete new 'vision' into the duty-free business here," he says, "and I think that if we do this, we could probably increase our sales up to 300,000 dirhams a year."



The extensive choice of top-quality brand items and the spacious shopping area make Abu Dhabi an attractive place to shop.

#### INTRODUCING A TALE OF TWIN AIRPORTS

about the prospects for Abu During the past 25 years, Abu Dhabi has become one of the main aviation gateways to the Middle East.

new international airport at Al Ain, Abu Dhabi is the only emirate in the United Arab Emirates to have two airports. "We are now marketing the twin-airport concept for Abu Dhabi," says Sheik Hamdan bin Mubarak al Nahyan, chairman of the Department of Civil Aviation, outlining some of his plans for the future develop-

ment of aviation facilities. The present international airport at Abu Dhabi handles just over 3.1 million passengers a year. A quarter of a century ago, there was just a desert landing strip on Abu Dhabi island. The present airport is about 45 minutes by car from the city; the drive takes travelers along a unique 35-kilometer (22mile) tree-and shrub-lined expressway through the

Mr. Hamdan, who was previously undersecretary for civil aviation, graduated from Al Ain University with a degree in business studies and marketing. He is now examining plans to double

W ith the opening of a the size of the Abu Dhabi airport to enable it to handle 6 million passengers annually by the year 2000

Everything today is changing very fast in the aviation world, faster than the airplanes themselves,"

says Mr. Hamdan, adding that it was necessary to bring in many innovations to keep abreast of developments. We are planning a second satellite terminal and a second runway," he says. There will also be more parking space for passenger jets as well as additional stands for

loading and unloading passengers. One of the most recent innovations was the opening of the new Airport Hotel at Abu Dhabi International Airport; the hotel offers five-star luxury and business services.

and the second of the second o Sheik Hamdan: We are now marketing the twin-airport concept for Abu Dhabi.'

Ground-handling facilities are carried out by Abu Dhabi Airport Services. ADAS handles about 35,000 aircraft a year, 75,000 tons of passenger baggage. 12,000 tons of mail and 50,000 tons of cargo. It can deal with up to 22 aircraft simultaneously.

Seen by Mr. Hamdan as a complementary airport to Abu Dhabi, Al Ain serves a wider catchment area inland. The airport is about 145 kilometers from Abu Dhabi. In addition to being the university city for the UAE, Al Ain is also the focus of agricultural development, it can be easily reached from Dubai, which is about one hour's drive to the north-

Talking about some of the advantages of Al Ain, Mr. Hamdan says that it could offer airlines more facilities because it was less busy. "In addition, the landing fees and other charges are cheaper," he says. "We really see Al Ain as an extension of Abu Dhabi. Both airports share the same management,"

Servicing and repair facilities for airlines are also available at the Gulf Aircraft Maintenance Company (GAMCO), which is likely to be extended next year. We shall probably build a second hangar," says Mr.

### **ADNOC SUPPORTS** THE ENVIRONMENT

A survey of the oil company's environmental measures.

Antipollution measures and protection of the environment in downstream operations have become key issues for the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), which produces more than 2 million barrels a day of crude oil. AD-NOC is also trying to improve the overall quality of its oil by reducing the sulfur content, and the company will eventually be able to produce unleaded gasoline.

Commenting in the latest annual report, Sohail Faris Al Mazrui, the former secretary general of the Supreme Petroleum Council and general manager of ADNOC, says that no new projects will be approved until environmental impact studies are completed. "We continue to take a lead in safeguarding Abu Dhabi's natural heritage and environmental quality," says Mr. Al Mazrui, who has been replaced by Yousef bin Omeir bin Yousef, the former petroleum minis-

Tighter controls on dumping wastes, including toxic and corrosive materials at the Ruwais refinery, have been introduced. Ruwais and the other major refinery at Umm Al Nar produced 215,000 barrels a day of refined products in 1993. A state-of-the-art computerized control system has been installed at Umm Al Nar. "An important environmental.

spin-off from this development is virtual elimination of air pollution from flares at the refinery," says Mr. Al Mazrui. ADNOC now has a special environmental protection and occupational health department, which makes regular inspection checks on both installations and storage depots as well as on personnel.

With a major expansion of onshore and offshore gas re-serves, which will treble production next year, ADNOC and its affiliate companies are trying to make sure that rapid progress in exploitation of hydrocarbon reserves will not become an environmental hazard.

#### **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

The International Herald Tribune and the Abu Dhabi-based The National Investor are organizing a conference on "Business Opportunities in the UAE" at the Inter-Continental Hotel, Abu Dhabi on Dec. 5-6. The conference will examine offsets, privarization and capital markets.

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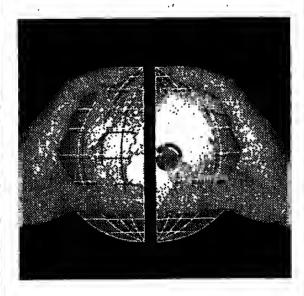
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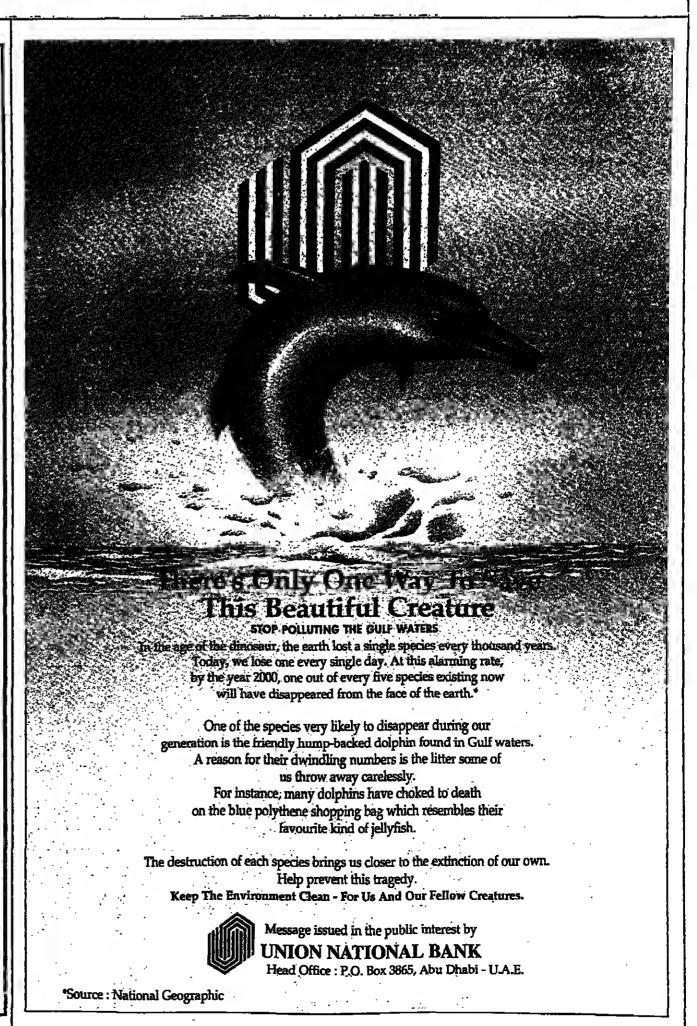


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# **SPORTS**

# Vikes, on 65-Yard Pass, Stun Bears in Overtime

By Thomas George New York Times Service

MINNEAPOLIS - If the Chicago Bears were for real, if they had any true designs on winning the National Conference Central division, then they had to find a way to topple the Minnesota Vikings. They had dropped five straight to Minne-sota. They had lost the last one, in Week 3, by 42-14. In Chica-

So, the Bears hit the road on Thursday night and worked overtime to prove their point. And the point proved was this: The Vikings still have their number, and now the lead in the

In overtime, after the Bears' Kevin Butler had missed a 41yard field goal wide left, Warren Moon connected on a pass down the right sideline that Cris but instead they fumbled. Line-Carter turned into a dramatic backer Jack Del Rio made a 65-yard touchdown with 9 min-utes, 14 seconds to play in over-man, Tillman fumbled and Del

"We discussed that play on the sideline during the last part of regulation, hut we just couldn't get to it," said Moon. "Cris was going to the flat, and he felt that he could turn it upfield and he'd be all alone."

Minnesota and Chicago are both 8-5. Minnesota, however, is in first place with three games to go because it has beaten the Bears twice.

The fourth quarter was packed with enough action to fill an entire game. It began with Chicago ahead by 24-16 and ended in a 27-27 tie.

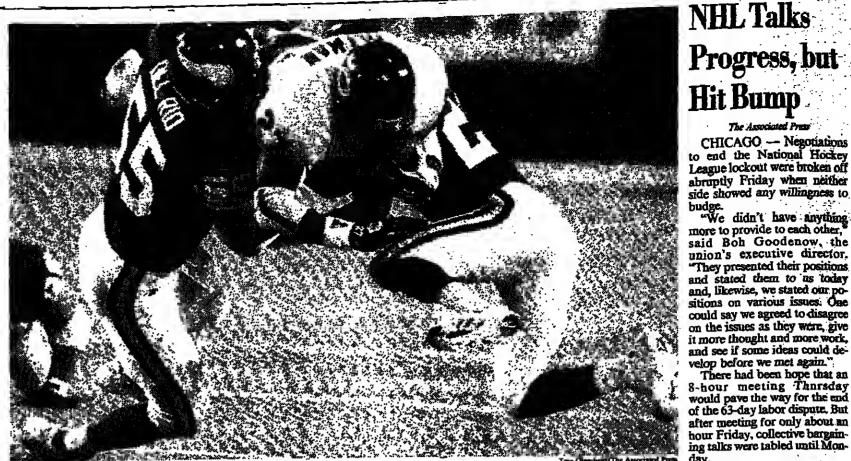
Faud Reveiz began it with a

38-yard field goal only two minutes into the quarter to bring the Vikings to within 24-19. With 6:18 to play, the Bears had a chance to run out the clock,

time. Minnesota 33, Chicago Rio recovered at the Chicago

Moon followed with what was first ruled a 2-yard touchdown pass to Carter. But then the officials ruled that Carter juggled the ball in the end zone, was tackled at the 1 and there had possession. Fourth and 1. Carter ran in motion left to right and caught the touchdown pass — clearly in the end zone this time. Moon to tight end Andrew Jordan for the 2-point conversion made it Minnesota

27, Chicago 24. The best way the Bears could climb back in now, with 4:12 left, was with strong field position. They got it. Nate Lewis raced 55 yards on the kickoff to the Vikings 36. Kevin Butler made good on it, kicking a 33-yard field goal with 1:55 left to tied the score at 27-27. Each team had a possession in the final seconds of regulation but



Jack Del Rio, aided here by Dewayne Washington, forced a fumble by Louis Tillman that set up one Viking touchdown.

# It's Come to Nitty-Gritty Time in Races for NFL Playoff Spots

New York Jets (6-6) at New England (6-6): Patriots now have a shot at playoffs, and defense's 17 interceptions ties Miami for most in AFC. Jets have ers hy 6. plus-15 turnover ratio in the last 7 games, but are coming off devastating fourth quarter loss to Dolphins. Oddsmakers favor the Patriots by 21/2 points.

Buffalo (6-6) at Miami (8-4): A Dolphin victory severely damages Bills' playoff chances after their loss in Detroit, Dolphins were manhandled for three quarters by the Jets before Dan Marino struck for 4 second half touchdowns. Kenneth Davis has 5 touchdowns in last 2 games at Joe Robbie Stadium.

Dolphins by 3½. Dallas (10-2) at Philadelphia (7-5): Cowboys have allowed just 179 points, fewest in the NFC, but are vulnerable because of their many injuries. Randall Cunningham has not gotten a touchdown in last 136 passes - worst streak of his career — while Eagles, with three-game skid, have fallen back in division race. Cowboys

by 4. Green Bay (6-6) at Detroit (6-6): The winner enhances its Clevelone wildcard position. Packers' Brett Farve has thrown 12 touchdowns and just 2 interceptions in the last four games; Lions' Dave Krieg has thrown 8 touchdowns and no interceptions in 3 games. Packers' defense can wreak havoc, but will have to contend with Barry Sanders and noisy Silverdome

crowd. Lions by 2½.
Pittsburgh (9-3) at Cincinnati (2-10): Steelers have have NFL Golden Stote low 15 giveaways, crushing defense and league's top rushing attack, averaging 134 yards a game. But Barry Foster, both-ered by bruised lower back,

AFC (90.7 rating) and averages 7.83 yards per pass play. Steel-

Washington (2-10) at Tampa Bay (3-9): Two teams going noyear. Browns by 8. where. Bucs, for third game this

#### NFL MATCHUPS

season, didn't allow a sack last week in upsetting Vikings; Redskins' linebacker Ken Harvey, who has 10.5 sacks, is having Pro Bowl caliber season, Bucs

New York Giants (5-7) at Cleveland (9-3): Rodney backs have not thrown an inter-

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hasn't practiced this week and is doubtful. Bengals' Jeff Blake yard rushing in hack-to-back is highest rated quarterback in games, and Giants have woa both, hut Browns have allowed 148 points this season, fewest in NFL. And, they have given up just 6 touchdowns at home this

> Arizona (5-7) at Houston (1-11): Buddy Ryan faces his pro-tege, Jeff Fisher, who hasn't won since replacing Jack Par-der two weeks ago. Both Ryan and Fisher concentrate on defense, both offenses are operating with ineffective passers. Jay Schroeder has thrown just 1 touchdown and 6 interceptions this season. Houston's quarter-

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ception in 22 quarters (177 passes). Cardinals by 3.

Atlanta (6-6) at Sau Francisco (10-2): Falcons' 20 interceptions leads NFL, but Steve Young has been hot and 49ers have scored 361 points, most in league. 49ers by 13.

Denver (6-6) at Kansas City (7-5): Chiefs have held last three opponents to under 100yards rushing, hut face John Elway and much improved offense. Broncos are 5-1 in last six games, with defense allowing 107 points. And, Joe Montana has sprained left foot, while several teammates are injured, too.

Minnesota (5-0) beat Central Connecticut State 92-56. Next; vs. Rhade Island, Sunday.

20, Georgia Yech (3-8) beat Western Caroll-

Other Major College Scores

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FAR WEST

Indianapolis (5-7) at Seattle (5-7); Seahawks will be in disarray because of auto accident late Thursday night: star run-ning back Chris Warren, arrested after car be was driving crashed into a utility pole, suffered two cracked ribs; recently

acquired defensive tackle Mi-

chael Frier received severe neck

injury and was listed in critical

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condition; rookie running back Lamar Smith had chip fractures in his spine and ankle. No point spread on game. New Orleans (4-8) at L.A. Rams (4-8): Rams' defense has allowed just 5 rushing touch-downs, fewest in NFC, while

game. Chargers by 4,

defense. Saints capable of big plays on offense, defense and special teams, but can't put it

L.A. Raiders (6-6) at San Diego (9-3): Chargers seemed to have figured out offensive problems of last couple of weeks and gotten Natrone Means untracked. Raiders have shaky quarterback in Jeff Hostetler, who received a concussion in last week's game and returned to practice Thursday. Stan Humphries is in much better shape for Monday night's

all together. Rams by 21/2.

These matchups were compiled by Timothy W. Smith

The Michael Jordan Watch

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# Miami's Sapp Wins

The Associated Press

HOUSTON -- Warren Sapp, a junior defensive end at the University of Miami, has become the first player for the Hurricanes to win the Lombardi Award as the top U.S. college lineman.

nebacker Derrick Brooks.

# Lombardi Award

that the union had dropped its desired salary ceiling for firstround draft picks to \$1.25 million from \$1.5 million for firstround players, while the NHL remained at \$700,000. that only two players per team per year be eligible for salary

He beat out Arizona defensive end Tedy Bruschi, Nebrasarbitration. The NHLPA wants ka offensive tackle Zach Wiegert and Florida State arbitration to be binding.

For the season, Sapp has 84 tackles, 10.5 sacks for 62 yards in losses, four forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries. Miami (10-1) will play No. 1 Nebraska (12-0) in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1.

#### upon reaching age 28. The union agreed that each team would be allowed to designate one player as a franchise player.

BASEBALL

Alichael Jordan's season with the Scatisdale Scorpions of the Arizona Fall League: Jordan finished bottling 256 (31-for-1711 with 23 runs, four doubles, one triple, no home runs. GOLDEN STATE—Put Monute Bol, center, on injured list. Activated Dwayne Morion, guard, from Injured list.

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players seeking to play baseball in the United States. "We can't approve any petitions for haseball players coming to perform at locations where the strike is ongoing,". said John Brown, an aiudications officers with INS in Washington, "We couldn't approve petitions for players to go to New York and play at Yan-

kce Stadium."

CHICAGO - Negotiations

to end the National Hockey League lockout were broken off

abruptly Friday when neither

side showed any willingness to

more to provide to each other,

said Boh Goodenow, the

union's executive director.

They presented their positions

and stated them to us today

and, likewise, we stated our po-

sitions on various issues. One

could say we agreed to disagree

on the issues as they were, give

and see if some ideas could de-

There had been hope that an 8-hour meeting Thursday

would pave the way for the end

of the 63-day labor dispute. But

after meeting for only about an

hour Friday, collective bargain-

ing talks were tabled until Mon-

Among the issues discussed Thursday were a rookie salary cap, salary arbitration and free

agency. But the major obstacle, the luxury tax, remained in the

The Canadian Press reported

The league also proposed

The two sides agreed that, in

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stricted free agent's contract

can not be used to provide com-

parisons and arrive at a deci-

agreed that players shall be-come unrestricted free agents

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season, the union has taken a

pre-emptive move to cut off

what it anticipates will be a po-

Gene Orza, the union's asso-

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tion had asked the Department

a step that would prompt the

Immigration and Naturaliza-

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lation, to deny visas to foreign

On free agency, both sides

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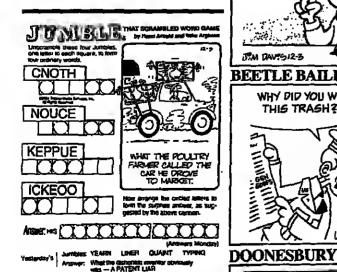
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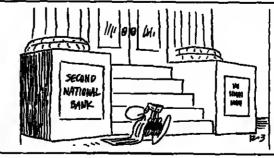
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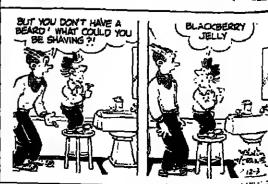


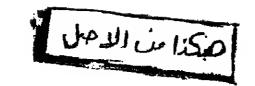


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# **SPORTS**

# Greg LeMond Ending Career

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PARIS — Greg LeMond has to say goodbye. At age 33, the three-time winner of the Tour de France and the greatest bicycle road racer ever produced in the United States has decided that he is no longer able to compete in the sport. He will make a formal announcement on Saturday in Beverly Hills, California, as part of the Korbel Night of Champions, a fund-raiser for the U.S. Cycling Federation.

LeMond will be one of 14 male and female racers honored at a dinner afterward. Their records and medals will be flashy hut none approaches LeMond's own lines in the record book: victories in the 1986, '89 and '90 Tours, victories in the 1983 and '89 profession-

all world championship road races.

That list might have been longer but for the nearly fatal shooting in 1987 that lost him 2 of the 14 seasons he has been a professional. The glory years are long gone now and he has not finished first in a race since the 1992 Tour DuPont. He has not even ridden in one

since he dropped out of last July's Tour de France.

"It's probably been expected," he said of his retirement. He has often reported — and displayed — weakness and exhaustion, especially in the mountains, but has been unable to specify the cause. Now he thinks he can.

"It's time for me to get out because of physical problems," he explained this week on the phone from his home in Minnesota. "It's not just age that's been sponsible for my performances these last few years. It's not that I wasn't motivated or just did it for the

"I have a very big physical disability that does not allow me to compete at the world-class level. I have a physical condition that is not allowing me to race at the level I should.'

The condition, he continued, is called mitochondrial myopathy. "I can't spell it," he said with a laugh, "but I can say it's basically dysfunctional mitochondria, which won't belp me produce energy. My energy-delivery system has been off whack. It's a mild state that affects my performance at a high level but not my

Parts of each cell, mitochondria produce energy through respiration. When they are impaired, muscles are impaired. "I hate to say it," he continued, "but it would mimic some sort of muscular disease."

According to the Merck Manual, a standard medical reference book, mitochondrial myopathies are among a group of progressive muscle disorders of unknown cause that are inherited through the mother. LeMond said he and his doctor believe, however, that the condition is caused by the 40 lead shotgun pellets left in him when he was accidentally shot while hunting in California on April 20, 1987. Three of the pellets

rest in his heart lining.

"It's very possible it could be the lead," he said.

"We're hoping to tie it to the lead because it would at least give me a clear answer for the future."

But Dr. Michelle Taube of the Minneapolis Sports Medicine Center, "who has worked the last three months researching me," is still not certain of the cause, LeMond said. "That's only the most likely

"It seems to be caused by something when I'm racing really hard. We think it's an environmental problem, which means most likely I mobilize lead, mobilize it and the more damage the lead does, especially in multiday races.

"And that's why for the last three years, after four or five stages of a race I'm at a point where I need to quit racing. It's been that way for three years now." The major effect of his ailment, be said, has been on

his ability to use oxygen during a race to restore his

Discussing the amount of oxygen he could use with each breath, he said, "I went from 6.2 liters of oxygen in February to 4.2 bters of oxygen during the Tour. even three weeks after the Tour.

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Stefan Edberg faced match point in the last set but beat Alexander Volkov, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (2-7), 0-6, 8-6.

"It makes sense now. When I was in the Tour, I kept saying 'I can't take oxygen in.' That's exactly what was going on. When everybody else was riding along pretty lowly and easily for them, I was riding at my max." LeMoud is not through with medical tests, which he has been having mainly in Minneapolis, near his home

in Medina. "I want to get to the bottom, I want more finalized answers," be said. "This year has been the low point of my career. I have tried my bardest, mentally pushed myself beyond what I should, mentally and physically.

Muscular disorder, possibly linked to an accidental 1987 shooting, forces American 3-time Tour de France winner out of road racing.

I went through two very bad years, '92 and '93, and I was all motivated to make a charge through what would have been the last three years of my career. "But all of a sudden the realization came to me in the Tour de France last summer that there must be something wrong — this can't be right — and that I had to revaluate whether I could continue in this sport.
If I could take away the problem. I thought I could still

compete." Can he? "No," he replied, a flat and forlorn "no."
"We know it's repeated itself for the last three years.

I've got a medical condition. The doctor said, "Greg, you can feel good and you might think yon've recovcred, but you won't have.' No, there won't be any comeback next spring, I wouldn't be myself, the Greg LeMond of '85 or '86, where I just always felt great. "I struggled to come back after my hunting accident. I did win the Tour in '89, miraculously I think

"In the last seven years I've had four months that I

FULL MARKS by Robert H. Wolfe

felt good and in those four months I won two Tours de France and the world championship. But in the rest of those years I've been just struggling.

"I couldn't figure it out. Every year I had different reasonings: allergies, overtraining, quartels with my dad, this and that. There's nothing more frustrating for an athlete than to be talented and then suddenly to

have that talent taken away from you.
"I never needed to race and be the last guy, getting pushed up hills. And that's who I was this year. This was a do-or-die season this year for me. I did everything I possibly could, prepared myself. Either I had to

have a great season or I had to call it quits. Stop.

"The last thing I want to be considered is a rider who stayed on too long. Now I'm retired. I'll try to

His ways of baving fun are many and varied, including spending more time with his wife and three children, fly fishing, downhill skiing, tennis and golf, mountain-bike racing and searching for antiques.
"That's what I've done this fall," he said. "I've been

going to dealers for antiques, American antiques, 18th century, early 19th century. Federal period, Queen Anne period. I've been wanting to do that for years, and I've never had the time." Through his hicycle sales company he will retain connections with the sport. He also talked about his

passion for mountain-bike racing, saying be might eam and might races. Although be may also fulfill his great dream of shots and seemed set to take the making it to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, match, serving for the victory in LeMond knows now that it will have to be as a television commentator, not as a racer in the time trial. As of Saturday formally, but really as of July 8, when he got off his bicycle in the middle of a Tour stage, LeMond has not been a racer.

"I want to be somewhat involved in the sport, in certain capacities but I don't know what," he said. "I'll probably make it to the Tour next year, maybe as a elevision commentator, maybe as a guest. Otherwise I'll be fishing in Montana.'

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For the Record

Contradiction, Thy Game Is Golf

with PGA Commissioner Tim Finchem.

that he is not yet finished with football.

MELBOURNE (AP) — Greg Norman said Friday that he still believed the World Golf Tour can reach an amicable agreement with the U.S. PGA Tour, and that he planned to meet next week

The World Golf Tour also issued a statement, saying that it was

"continuing to move ahead as planned" on staging six to eight tournaments in 1995, some of which would conflict with PGA

Tour events, and that Norman's commitment to the new tour "is

This all came a day after Finchem released a statement in which

this situation" and "would not support any venture that would

Noureddine Morceli, the Algerian distance runner, and U.S.

heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersee were named athletes of the year

by the International Athletic Foundation in Monte Carlo. (AP)

Joe Montana, the Kansas City quarterback, called "ridiculous"

a report that he will retire at the end of the NFL season and said

Nick Faldo, with eight birdies for a record-tying 64, held a seven-stroke lead over Nick Price and Bernhard Langer after two

rounds of the Million Dollar Challenge golf tournament in South

Taffarel, Brazil's World Cup winning goalkeeper, said he will

play for the Japanese club Cereso Osaka next season.

# Larsson Beats Kafelnikov To Give Sweden 2-0 Lead

MOSCOW - Stefan Edberg had to raily from match point in the final set and Magnus Larsson likewise prevailed in five sets Friday, giving Sweden a sweep of opening singles and a 2-0 lead over Russia in the Davis Cup final.

Edberg faced match point trailing by 5-4 in the fifth set, but rallied to beat Alexander Volkov, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (2-7), 0-6, 8-6. Larsson, ranked 19th by the ATP Tour, followed by overcoming a whistling, footstomping home erowd of 12,000, to beat No. Il-ranked Yevgeni Kafelnikov, 6-0, 6-2, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3 victory.

The opening-day setbacks severely burt Russia's chances of becoming the first unseeded team to win the Davis Cup.
On Saturday, Kafelnikov and Andrei Olhovskiy must upset the top-ranked doubles team of Long Pichers and Steam of Jonas Bjorkman and Jan Apell to keep their hopes alive and send the best-of-five match to

Sunday's reverse singles. Friday loss was Kafelnikov's first in eight Davis Cup matches. His only other loss was in his debut, to Germany's Michael Stich in March 1993.

Kafelnikov said he felt "mental and psychological pressure" after Volkov's dramatic defeat, and said he said he had injured his left wrist in the second game of the crucial last set. He had strained muscles in that wrist last week

"It didn't really hurt hut I felt very insecure. I couldn't hit

Volkov held match point on his serve when Edberg drove a backhand down the line to send it to deuce. He went on to break Volkov and then earned the critical break in the final game.

"Maybe he played it a little safe." Edberg said about facing match point. "I took charge of the match in that game. I took a few chances and it paid off."

After winning the first two sets, the seventh-ranked Edberg appeared enroute to an easy victory. But bnoyed by the flagwaving cheering crowd, Volkov battled back in the third set, then served a crowd-pleasing ace to take the tiebreaker.

The 27-year-old Volkov then dominated Edberg in the fourth the final set.

"I needed to kick myself, especially in the fifth set," Edberg said. "I was a little bit depressed. I had the match in my hand and became defensive . . I felt I was getting closer and closer in every game in the fifth

Having broken Volkov to tie

the next game. Edberg, who had been whis-tled at in derision by the crowd, paced along the baseline as Yeltsin and his entourage took their seats.

"I saw a lot of people coming in, but I didn't know it was Yeltsin." Edberg said. "I just pnt it aside. I felt so happy being back in the match." Considering the outcome, "maybe I should thank Boris

for coming in," he added.

Volkov did not hlame Yeltsin

the set, Edberg had the added distraction of Russian President Boris Yeltsin entering classical collections of Stadium just as the Swede was preparing to start when the president arrived," he said. "I can say it interfered with my game as much as rain outside would because I had lost my have, because I had lost my

> The left-handed Volkov was repeatedly rattled in the first two sets, twice hurring his rack-et to the ground after failing to reach Edberg returns at the baseline. Edberg was troubled by inconsistent serves.

> "I've been in the same situation. He's probably feeling quite depressed tonight," Edberg said about Volkov. "On the other hand, he was out of

# Autissier's Yacht Hit By Gale and Demasted

CAPE TOWN - The French sailor Isabelle Autissier, who established a record six-day lead in the first leg of the BOC single-handed 'round-the-world race, lost ber mast in a roaring gale on Friday. Autissier's 60-foot (18-meter) yacht, the Ecureuil Poiton-

Charentes 2, was demasted about 1,200 miles from Cape Town, race officials said. She was in fourth place seven days into the second leg of the race, from Cape Town to Sydney.

Autissier told the BOC headquarters in Charleston, South Carolina, where the race began in mid-September, that she was in no immediate danger. But race officials said the coast guard in South Africa bad been notified and an aircraft placed on alert.

Antissier, the only woman in the world's toughest yacht race, said in a later message to France: "Thirty knots of wind. sea dark, sky crying. I'm working to clear off the deck and see what I can do.

"There is almost nothing left on deck, nothing left of my dream. But I won't think about that now, I am safe." Race officials said Ecurcuil was the southernmost boat in the fleet and that Autissier was averaging more than 13 knots before her boat was demasted.

Autissier, who is competing in her second BOC challenge, had ber boat demasted on the second leg of the 1990 race, but successfully fashioned a jury rig at sea and finished seventh.

# U.S. Skier Lindh Wins Cup Downhill

The Associated Press

VAIL, Colorado — Hilary Lindh of the United States got her second World Cup victory on Friday by winning this season first women's downhill

Lindh, 25, prevailed by 29hundredths of a second over Isolde Kostner of Italy. The defending World Cup

downhill champion, Katja Sciter overcame a late starting number to finish a career-best fourth, with Switzerland's Heidi Zurbriggen coming in fifth and Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg taking sixth.

style because of the tight turns at the bottom, was timed in I minute, 45.00 seconds. Her best previous finish on this course

was a sixth place two years ago. Kostner, the last of the top-seeded skiers to complete the he said Norman had told him that he had had a "re-evaluation of run, couldn't overtake Lindh,

crossing the line in 1:45.29. Seizinger was timed in 1:45.44. Three other favorites - Anja

Haas of Austria, Melanie Suchet of France and Picabo Street of the United States fell and did not finish. Street made a minor mistake early in ber run and, in an effort to make up time, got out of control near the finish, did the splits and crashed. Haas had the fastzinger of Germany, finished est intermediate time one-third third. Austria's Stefanie Schus- of the way down the course when she fell.

Lindh, the 1992 Olympic downhill silver medalist, posted her first victory on the World Cup circuit last February in Siетта Nevada, Spain.

Lindh, winning on a course For the first time, down-that she admitted didn't fit her hillers in the top seeding of 15 were allowed to select starting numbers from 1 through 30. and most of the favorites chose numbers in the 20s. The course appeared to speed up slightly during the race as a bright sun glazed the snow, making it slicker.

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#### DAVE BARRY

# Go, Raiders! Go!

MIAMI — It's late fall and remain undaunted. They have a cheer for just this situation. It goes (I am not making this technically PLAYING. He's on the sidelines, No. 85, standing oear the coach, looking alert, hoping the coach will notice him and send him in. I'm not so sure this is a good idea, because the nther team's players are extremely large. They're supposed to be junior high students, hut if they are, they apparently started junior high later in life, after having played a number of years for the Chicago Bears. They probably have to shave in the huddle.

In stark contrast, my son's team, the Raiders, consists of normal-sized seventh- and eighth-grade boys. From a distance, with their helmets and shoulder pads on, the Raiders look big enough, but this illusion is shattered when you see them up close, or when one of their moms walks past, towering over them.

Fnr some reason the Raiders' opponents are always larger. Also they seem more aggressive. They punch each other a lot and spit and sneer and probably eat live chickens on the team bus.

This is the Raiders' sixth game. So far they've won nne; that victory was sealed when the opposing team, in what has proved to be the Raiders' season highlight so far, failed to show up. The Raiders lost all the other games, in large part because - at least this is how I analyze the situation, from a strictly technical standpoint they have not scored any points. On the sidelines, we grown-

ups yell helpful advice.
"Tackle him!" shouts a Raider coach. "Somebody tackle him! Please? "Bite his ankles!" shouts a

Inevitably the Chicago Bears score a touchdown, causing us Raider parents to groan. The

Raider cheerleaders, however.

cheer up): "They made a touchdown!

"But it's all right!"

Of course they have good reason to be cheerful. They re in no go Bears. My son, on the other hand, is . . .

MY SON IS GOING INTO THE GAME.

The coach is telling him something: I hope it's good advice (such as "Tennis is a much safer sport"). And now No. 85 is trotting onto the field; and now he's taking his positioo on the Raider defensive line; and now both teams are lined up; and oow my son is crouching down in his stance, ready to spring forward, and .

THERE HE GOES! GET 'EM, ROB!! STICK YOUR HELMET COMPLETELY HROUGH SOME BIG FAT CHICAGO BEAR'S BODY AND OUT THE OTHER SIDE!! YES!! WAY TO GO!! WAY TO POUNCE!! WAY

TO BE . . . Offsides. Whoops.
O. K., so he was a little overeager. But be did fine after that, as far as I could tell, lunging around out there just like everybody else and managing tn go four full plays without ooce losing an important limh or organ. Meanwhile, the Chicagn Bears, feeling smug, were punching each nther and emitting fierce victory grunts. "I BET OUR SAT SCORES ARE HIGHER," I wanted in yell.

Finally the game ended, and even though the Raiders again failed to score any points, we parents were tremendously proud of their efforts. We elapped and cheered with pride

as they trotted nff the field. They think we're crazy. Knight-Ridder Newspapers

# Breaking Point: Free-Form Adventures With Glass

PARIS — Had she not been told she was too I tall, Toots Zynsky might have been a dancer; had she spent more of her childhood sailing in Marblehead Harbor in Massachusetts she might have gone to sea. Medicine and architecture also beckoned. It all came together at the end of her freshman year at the Rhode Island

#### MARY BLUME

School of Design when, having decided to quit, she made a tour of all the school's departments and happened on the glass studio where, that day, the students were dressed in wild costumes for an experimental film.

"I saw them and all this hot glass swirling through the air. It was nuts." She signed up and today her glass is in museums from Norway to Australia, including the Arts Decoratifs in Paris, the Stedelijk in Amsterdam and, most recently, the Metropolitan in New York.

Last year she was invited to the White House

where one of her extraordinary colored vessels is in the collection. It was Christmas time and a decorator had filled it with silver tinsel, greatly mitigating the pleasure of the visit. This is work that is meant to be gazed at, preferably from below, so the play of opaque and transparent and the intricacy of her colors can be caught. At an average of \$7,000 per piece, these are not bowls for tinsel or fruit.

Toots Zynsky (her real name is Mary but she has been Toots since she was a baby) is, at 43, a leading studio glass artist, a field that is seeking legitimacy as an art, not a craft. The distinction does not worry her. "No. I am only bored by it," she says. Her work is shown in galleries, not shops, and oext week she has a show at the Inart gallery in Amsterdam, followed by exhibitions in Zurich, Bergamn, Philadelphia, Chi-

cago and Seattle. She works in a studio in the Bastille area of Paris, where her husband is a graphic designer, and in a former diamond-cutting house with an intoxicating water view in Amsterdam. For all the technical demands of her work, she is very

much a child of the 1970s, eager to be mobile.

Sometimes she goes back to blown glass because it requires constant movement and she has built herself a collapsible oven that can, and does, travel everywhere. "All I oeed is an electric plug." she says. Technique does oot hold her down. "If you eat you have to do the dishes and the shopping. I take it like that." In recent years she has perfected an original method of building her free-form vessels from layers of colored glass threads. Fine threads have been applied decoratively to glass for centuries and Zynsky herself wound them



Glassmaker Toots Zynsky builds her vessels from layers of colored glass threads.

around blown glass in a 1979 series appealingly called Dust Collectors (her reply to someone who asked what they were for). In 1982 she began using clipped green glass threads for what she called The Barefoot Bowl (now in the Corning Glass Museum) because it reminded

her of walking bareloot in the grass.

These days she orders colored glass rods, 10 to 14 millimeters thick, from Murano, off Venice, and after heating them pulls them into harr-like threads which are laid flat, one color or the other, heated up to 640 degrees centigrade, then manipulated with pizza spatulas and put in a stainless steel restaurant bowl to be cooked again, then adjusted into a fused form. The result is about a quarter of an inch thick, with both the rough edge and the textured surface suggesting the original threads.

"It's really like painting, it's an identical thought process — the way you build up a painting or a drawing and then the other layers go on really to hold that together so it's actually about 30 layers of thread. They are very solid, they look more fragile than they are."

Cara McCarty, of the Museum of Modern

Art in New York, bought two early glass thread pieces, although the museum's collection emphasizes factory-produced rather than studin glass, on the grounds that Zynsky's technique not only has an ancient history but resembles high-tech optical fibers.

At the time McCarty called, Zynsky was just back from a long stay in Ghana with musician friends. "I came to Europe because I wanted something different from the U.S. and it is different, but only a notch. I wanted a really

strong confrontation. Ghana was like standing on my head all the time, really amazing. So amazing that she had abandoned glass for drawing. The MOMA call, which she at first thought was from an imposter or a joker, sent

her back to glass. After Rhode Island, Zynsky went to Seattle where the glass master Dale Chihuly founded the Pilchuck Glass School in 1971. Today, Seattle and Murano are the two world centers. for art glass, according to Francesca Hillyer, whose grandfather founded Murano's famed Venini glassworks and who is compiling. Zynsky's catalogue. Two of Murano's lines. glasshlowers. Lino Tagliapietra and Pino Sig-

nioretto, teach at Pilchuck in the summer. Zynsky taught at Pilchuck and at the New York Experimental Glass Workshop until she was liberated by her first grant from the Na-tional Endowment for the Arts in 1982. What fascinates her in glass is its limitless possibili-

"It's really amazing, you can do everything with it. You can pour it and cast it like metal. You can stretch it, carve it, saw it, you can stick it together. It's the only material that you can men

together. It's the only material that you can melt and blow. It's such a strange and plastic thing I think that's what keeps drawing me back to it."

Early on, she felt confined by glass blowing and worked on large "slumped glass" pieces, fascinated by the play between a piece and its reflection and by the challenge of nailing a piece of glass to a wall. Then she did video works with Ruster Simpson about shattering place. Buster Simpson about shattering glass.

"People said you're doing process art but it had nothing to do with that. I did it because I wanted to know why sometimes glass breaks and sometimes it doesn't because it isn't really logical. We attached contact microphones to glass and learned it can break without your. even seeing a crack, you just hear it. Also, I am fascinated by the sound of glass because I love sound and music."

In addition to music (Jessye Norman is a collector and the best friend of Zynsky's 4-year-old daughter) Zynsky is fascinated by architecture, in part because both her parents taught architectural drawing, in part because she says most people who work in glass are interested in architecture. "It's not necessarily because of the use of plate glass in structure but there is a very strong connection."

In general, she says that glass is oot ber favorite thing to look at, preferring birds andthe sea. "A lot of people who work in glass wanr to turn everything into glass. I'm not that way,"

'I don't even like glass tables. They make me nervous, they feel very insecure."

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#### **PEOPLE**

FTER three years of marriage, Richard A Gere and Cindy Crawford are separating, but say they have no immediate plans to divorce. Their statement ended mooths of speculation that the marriage was in trouble. Both have been seen with other people recently while Gere was filming in London. "This personal and painful decision was made between us in July." two months after they took out an ad in the Times of London proclaiming that reports of impending di-vorce were "totally false." "Since that time we have been trying to work things out." they said, "hut due to the recent conjecture in the press, we have decided to make a statement at this time. . . . Meanwhile. Lisa Marie Presley says her marriage to Michael Jackson is still going strong. "Once again, the media is being very irresponsible and spreading false rumors." Presley said in a statement. "Michael and I are very happi-ly married, and very much in love." The separation speculation, coming just after the couple's six-month anniversary, started with reports in New York and London that the marriage was sinking.

Roseanne and Tom Arnold's floating love nest is oo sale oow that their divorce is



Gere and Crawford are separating.

final. They ordered the 37-foot yacht, My Rosey, in 1993 and paid \$190,000. "They wanted something to escape and get away from the crowds," said Joe Wakeen, who

sold the boat to them and is selling it now far them. They didn't do much escaping. The boat has logged only 46 hours.

The Duchess of York said on a visit to.
Frankfurt that she wanted to set up a charty for German children and promised to learn German so she could keep an eye on it. The charity, Children in Need, already exists in Britain and the United States and helps children with serious illnesses.

As a child, Natalie Cole grow up with the sounds of Nancy Wilson, Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis and other pop and jazz greats. But when the Beatles hit it hig, she begged her father for their records. And what was Nat King Cole's reactioo? "Ehhhhhhh," she said in a recent interview. "He was a typical dad in that sense. He just wanted to make sure that I was grounded in some other stuff."

Tommy Tune oo stage in a role played on screen by Charles Laughton? This intriguing role will bring the dancer and chorcographer back to Broadway next fall in "Busker Alley," a musical based on the 1938



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